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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, USA

Jan 2021 – Dec 2022

M. Eng, Robotics (GPA 3.9/4)

Courses: Perception and Planning for Autonomous Robots, Statistical Pattern Recognition, Deep Learning, Robot Learning, Control of Robotic Systems, Building a Manufacturing Robot Software system, Software Development for Robotics, Robot Modelling

Dr D.Y. Patil Institute of Engineering and Technology, University of Pune, India

Aug 2011 – May 2015

Bachelor of Engineering, Electronics Engineering (First Class with Distinction)

SKILLS

Programming Languages: C, C++, Java, Python, MATLAB, UML

Libraries: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, NumPy, OpenCV, PCL, pandas, sklearn, GTest, GMock

Tools and framework: Drake, ROS, Gazebo, MoveIt, RViz, CNN, AWS, GIT, Gerrit, Pytest, Unit test, Docker, CMake, CI/CD, CUDA

Domain Skills: Classical Computer vision, Motion planning, Bayesian Statistics, Machine learning, Deep learning, Control theory

Software Practices: Agile, Scrum, SDLC, Atlassian tools (JIRA, Confluence)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dexai Robotics, Boston | Robotics Intern

June 2022 – Aug 2022

- Designed filter to filter out raw acceleration and velocities from joint sensors and cancel the plan if crossed threshold.
- Visual Calibration** of robot joints using April-Tag: **Planned motion** for the **9DOF** robot at various waypoints, capturing the **April-Tag** images through on-board camera to calculate the **joint offsets** by **optimizing a loss** function.

University of Maryland | Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

- Collaborated with Prof. Aric Bills for developing assignments, test cases, grading and held office hours for students.

University of Maryland | Graduate Research Assistant

May 2021 – May 2022

- Self-Driving e-Scooter** – Successfully incorporated autonomy in the e-Scooter to drive it from point A to point B.
- Through the usage of ROS packages for **Perception & Path Planning**, **map** generation, visual **odometry**, **EKF**, **SLAM**, **obstacle avoidance** and various on-board sensors- **IMU**, **GPS**, **Zed-2i** Camera on **NVIDIA Jetson Nano** drove the e-Scooter autonomously.

OnePlus Software R&D Center, India | Sr. Telephony Framework Engineer

Aug 2019 – Dec 2020

- Developed Android telephony framework and customized network software for OnePlus 6,7,8,9,Nord mobile phones series.

L&T Technology Services, India | Software Engineer

June 2016 – July 2019

- Developed Android telephony framework for various **Zebra Technologies** hand-held smartphones and tablets.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Worked on-site with client in Shenzhen, China and received **Annual Employee Award for Valuable Contribution (2018)**.
- OnePlus Rookie Award (April 2020)**.

PROJECTS

Structure from Motion (SfM) – Reconstructed a 3D scene and obtained camera poses given images from various viewpoints by using feature points correspondences, **triangulation**, and **non-linear optimization**.

Depth estimation - studied the principles of **Multiple-view Geometry**, **epipolar geometry**, and **Stereo vision** to estimate depth from two images, given the baseline distance of the cameras.

Panorama Stitching – Feature point extraction, matching, outlier rejection, and warping to blend multiple images.

Lane Detection and turn prediction – Detected lanes using curve-fitting approach and estimated road curvature for **self-driving car**.

April-Tag Detection, tracking - superimposed an image and cube on top of the tag using **Homography** and **Projective geometry**.

Semantic Segmentation using Contrastive Loss – **Improved results** of ICCV'21 Region-Aware Contrastive Learning on HubMap Kidney and Camelyon16 datasets for segmentation of cancerous regions.

Fully connected neural network from scratch (no libraries) – implemented the following layers from scratch for forward pass and backprop: linear, bias, ReLU, sigmoid, square loss, cross entropy softmax for **regression & classification**.

Hand-written Digits Recognition and Transfer Learning – implemented Logistic **regression** (own implementation), **SVMs**, **CNNs** for digits recognition, and **transfer learning** using **VGG-16** for data sets having very few images.

Face Recognition – Implemented classifiers from scratch – **Bayes'**, **k-NN**, **Kernel SVM**, and **AdaBoost** with dimensionality reduction techniques PCA, and **MDA** to identify **subject label and facial expressions**.

Lqr-Lqg Controller – for Inverted pendulum on a cart, linearization, stability, controllability, observability.

Human Detector and Tracker – used **HOG** feature descriptor and SVM to detect and track humans in a frame.

Automated Parallel Parking (Car) – studied **kinematic** and **non-holonomic constraints** of a **car** and implemented motion planning (**Ackermann drive**) using **RRT** and **bi-RRT** algorithms with **dynamic path planning/pruning** in simulation.

Robot Path planning – motion planning for **differential drive** robots and obstacle avoidance using **BFS**, **DFS**, **A***, **Dijkstra**, **RRT**, **RRT***.