Smit Dumore

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park,

08/2022 - Expected (05/2024)

Masters in Robotics (GPA 4.0/4.0)

College Park, MD

Control of Mobile Robots, State Estimation and Visual Odometry, Machine learning,

Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune, India,

2017 – 2021 | India

BTech. Mechanical Engineering (GPA 8.48/10.0)

Machine Design, Mechatronics, Kinematics of Mechanisms, Differential Equations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robotics Software Engineer, *Botysnc* ☑

07/2021 - 06/2022 | India

- Developed a **Hyper Accurate Docking Algorithm** for an **AMR** (Autonomous Mobile Robot) for autonomous recharging in **C++14**. Experimented with **Iterative Closest Point** scan matching and reflective tape based docking. The docking accuracy obtained was ±2cm. **(video)** ☑ .
- Worked on Landmark based **Extended Kalman Filter** for localisation of AMR in long corridors. Obtained RMSE of 0.2m and 5 degrees.
- Successfully tuned and tested custom **Navigation Stack** for lifting and tugging applications upto 2 tonnes in various industrial sites.
- Developed a Teleoperator package in **C++** for controlling an AMR with a joystick.

PROJECTS

Autonomous Racing Planning and Control stack,

03/2022

Vishwakarma Institute of Technology, Pune, India

- Implemented real-time **RRT and RRT*** path planning algorithms using C++11 for local planning in a head-to-head autonomous racing car. Implemented optimization technique using **Kd-Tree** to improve the algorithm's performance (github)
- Implemented **Pure Pursuit** to follow waypoints on the racetrack.
- Developed a **Model Predictive Controller** based racing strategy for better path following and obstacle avoidance performance. (github)
- Utilised multi-lane switching and opponent motion prediction for safely overtaking the opponent.

Stereo Visual SLAM, University of Maryland, College Park. (github)

06/2023 – present

- Successfully implemented Stereo Visual SLAM to estimate the 3D locations of keypoints in stereo images.
- Utilized **GFTT** algorithm for feature detection accurate feature identification across frames.
- Employed **triangulation** to accurately determine the 3D positions of keypoints
- Implemented direct method and optical flow techniques for pose estimation and feature tracking
- Performed **Bundle Adjustment** as a backend optimization technique, to refine the camera poses and 3D feature locations

Reinforcement Learning Pacman Agent,

01/2023

University of Maryland, College Park. (github) ☑

- Implemented a **BFS**, **Best first Search**, **Astar**, **Dijkstra** path finding algorithm to search Ghosts in a Pacman environment.
- Modelled the Pacman environment as a **MDP** (Markov decesion processes) and used Value Iteration to maximise score of Pacman against stochastic and adversarial ghosts.
- Used Q-learning to learn optimal actions in a state to maximise Pacman score.

Dynamic Window Approach Local Planner,

10/2022

University of Maryland, College Park. (github)

- Developed a kino-dynamic local planner for a turtlebot using the Dynamic Window Approach.
- Planner is capable of dodging dynamic obstacles.
- Planner generates paths that are **kinematically feasible** and locally optimal.

SKILLS

Programming Languages

C++11/14/17, Python, MATLAB, Julia

Tools

ROS, OpenCV, PCL, Rviz, Gazebo, pytorch