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Languages and Tools:

C++, Python, Java, OpenCV, ROS, Qt, OpenGL, TensorFlow, Keras, PyBullet, CVXPY, ACADO, Eigen

# **EDUCATION**

Indian Institute of Technology,

Kharagpur

July, 2014 - April, 2019 (expected)

Integrated M.Sc.

Department: Mathematics

Major: Mathematics and Computing

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# [4] Probabilistic Kinematic State Estimation for Motion Planning of Planetary Rovers

by Sourish Ghosh, Kyohei Otsu, and Masahiro Ono

In Intelligent Robots and Systems, IROS, 2018 IEEE/RSJ International Conference, (Madrid, Spain)

Oct. 2018. [PDF]

## [3] Fast Approximate Clearance Evaluation for Kinematically Constrained Articulated Suspension Systems

by Kyohei Otsu, Guillaume Matheron, Sourish Ghosh, Olivier Toupet, and Masahiro Ono *arXiv preprint arXiv:1808.00031*. [PDF]

# [2] Joint Perception And Planning For Efficient Obstacle Avoidance Using Stereo Vision

by Sourish Ghosh and Joydeep Biswas.

In Intelligent Robots and Systems, IROS, 2017 IEEE/RSJ International Conference, (Vancouver, Canada)

Sep. 2017. [PDF]

# [1] A Fuzzy Logic System to Analyze a Student's Lifestyle

by Sourish Ghosh et al.

In 2017 9th International Conference on Advanced Computational Intelligence, ICACI, (Doha, Qatar)

Feb. 2017. [PDF]

### EXPERIENCE

# Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Summer Intern, IRoM Lab

Topic: Learning Data-Driven Dynamic Models of Task-Relevant Perceptual Features for Robot Controllers

Research Areas: control theory, deep learning, variational autoencoders, model-predictive control

Adviser: Dr. Anirudha Majumdar

#### Cognitive Robotics Summer School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

July, 2018

Attended a week long workshop based on the following themes: robust execution, motion planning, activity planner, perception and manipulation, and planning under uncertainty and risk. The workshop (for 62 selected attendees) consisted of guest lectures, labs, and a grand challenge.

Organizer: MIT MERS Group

### NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA

May, 2017 - July, 2017

June, 2018 - August, 2018

Summer Intern, 347E - Robotic Systems Estimation, Decision, and Control Group *Topic*: Probabilistic Kinematic State Estimation for Motion Planning of Planetary Rovers

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Research Areas: probabilistic state estimation, risk-aware motion planning

Adviser: Dr. Masahiro Ono

#### University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

May, 2016 - August, 2016

Summer Intern, Autonomous Mobile Robotics Lab

Topic: Joint Perception and Planning for Efficient Obstacle Avoidance using Stereo Vision

Research Areas: obstacle avoidance, stereo vision, motion planning

Adviser: Dr. Joydeep Biswas

# Aerial Robotics Kharagpur (ARK), IIT Kharagpur

Software Team Member

*Topic*: (1) Building unmanned emergency aerial vehicles to drop medical supplies in less accessible regions of rural India. (2) Controlling drones using the electrical activity (EEG) in human brain.

Research Areas: localization and mapping, motion planning, control theory

## Kharagpur RoboSoccer Students' Group (KRSSG), IIT Kharagpur

February, 2015 - April, 2016

Software Team Member

*Topic*: Motion planning algorithms for multi-agent soccer playing robot systems.

Research Areas: multi-agent robot systems, robot soccer, motion planning

# SELECTED PROJECTS

### Stereo Dense 3D Reconstruction Tool

This is a ROS package for real-time 3D reconstruction from stereo images. It uses LIBELAS for generating dense disparity maps. It also has a tool for transforming point clouds in different reference frames.

Repository: https://github.com/umass-amrl/stereo\_dense\_reconstruction

#### IPP

C++/ROS implementation of the paper: Joint Perception And Planning For Efficient Obstacle Avoidance Using Stereo Vision

Repository: https://github.com/umass-amrl/jpp

#### **RRT Simulator**

An interactive GUI application for visualizing the RRT algorithm for motion planning.

Repository: https://github.com/sourishg/rrt-simulator

### **Stereo Camera Calibration Tools**

Tool for the calibration of monocular and stereo cameras using the checker-board method for both pinhole and fisheye model lenses.

Pinhole Model: https://github.com/sourishg/stereo-calibration

Fisheye Model: https://github.com/sourishg/fisheye-stereo-calibration

#### Generating Disparity Maps

Implementation of various methods to compute disparity maps.

Repository: https://github.com/sourishg/disparity-map

#### Turntable Controller (MPC)

An implementation of how to learn data-driven dynamic models (using VAEs) of task-relevant perceptual features for model-predictive control.

Repository: https://github.com/sourishg/turntable\_controller

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

## Technology Robotix Society, IIT Kharagpur

Governor

July, 2017 - April, 2018

I led a three-tier team to successful planning and execution of all the year-long activities of the society which includes organizing the annual Robotix fest, conducting seminars and workshops for students at IIT Kharagpur and other colleges in India, and initiating new research projects in robotics.

# Kharagpur Winter of Code (KWoC) 2017, IIT Kharagpur

December, 2017

Mentor

I mentored 4 students in KWoC (organized by *Kharagpur Open Source Society*) which is a 5-week long GSoC-styled programme for students who are new to open source software development.

Project: https://github.com/sourishg/stereo-calibration

# IEEE Robotics Winter Workshop, IIT Kharagpur

December, 2015

Mentor

I conducted a week-long workshop for first and second year undergraduates at IIT Kharagpur. I taught basic image processing using OpenCV and C++, and micro-controller programming using an Arduino UNO board. As a final project of the workshop I helped the students build a simple object tracking differential drive robot.

February, 2017 - present

### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

IROS Travel Award October, 2018

Received the IROS Student and Developing Countries (SDC) Travel Award for my publication at IROS 2018.

INSPIRE Scholarship

July, 2014 - present

A prestigious scholarship awarded by the Government of India to the top 0.07% students who appeared for the JEE Advanced 2014 examination in India, and pursuing a degree in Science.

Caltech SURF Award May, 2017 - July, 2017

Awarded the prestigious Caltech SURF fellowship for doing a summer internship on probabilistic motion planning for Mars Rovers at NASA JPL.

# **Best Term Project, Soft Computing Course**

Spring, 2016

Designed a mobile application that tracks the daily lifestyle of a person. Peer reviewed as the best project.

Bronze at MiroSot, FIRA July, 2015

MiroSot is an international five-a-side robot soccer tournament. I was a part of the bronze-winning team of IIT Kharagpur.

### Best Fresher, HackerEearth Freshers' Challenge, IIT Kharagpur

October, 2014

Finished first amongst all first years in an ACM-ICPC style coding contest organised by HackerEarth.

# MEDIA COVERAGE

## **Princeton University News**

August, 2018

My work at Princeton University was featured as part of a story about the International Summer Internship Program.

Internshala Blog September, 2017

My summer internship story at NASA JPL was covered by Internshala, India's largest portal for student internships.

# TECHNICAL WRITING

# Stereo calibration using C++ and OpenCV

September, 2016

15k pageviews. Average time on page: 4 min.