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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology,

July, 2014 - April, 2019 (expected)

Integrated M.Sc.

Kharagpur

Department: Mathematics

Major: Mathematics and Computing

Publications

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. To Appear.

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]

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]

Research 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

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

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

February, 2017 - present

Software Team Member

Topic: Building unmanned aerial vehicles to drop medical supplies in less accessible regions of rural India.

Research Areas: autonomous safe navigation, localization and mapping, motion planning

Adviser: Dr. Somesh Kumar

Kharagpur RoboSoccer Students' Group (KRSSG), IIT Kharagpur

February, 2015 - April, 2016

Software Team Member

Topic: Implemented 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

JPP

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

Eye Tracker Gaze Analyzer

A Visual C++ application to analyze a user's gaze response on different images displayed on a computer screen using the Tobii Eye Tracker.

Adviser: Dr. Privadarshi Patnaik

Repository: https://github.com/sourishg/tobii-eye-tracker

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.

Head February, 2016 - January, 2017

I was responsible for designing a computer vision event which was held at *Kshitij 2017*, IIT Kharagpur's technomanagement fest. I helped conduct technical workshops across India to spread the culture of robotics. Also I organized weekly lectures on autonomous robotics for over 300 students round the year along with workshops and hackathons in my college.

${\bf Kharagpur\ Winter\ of\ Code\ (KWoC)\ 2017,\ IIT\ Kharagpur}$

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

Image Processing 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.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Caltech SURF Award Recipient

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.

INSPIRE Scholarship Recipient

July, 2014 - present

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

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 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.

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

Internshala Blog

September, 2017

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

Princeton University News

August, 2018

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

SKILLS

Languages

C/C++, Python, Java, LATEX

Libraries and Tools

OpenCV, ROS, Eigen, TensorFlow, Keras, PyBullet, Qt, GNU Octave, Android SDK