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SUMMARY

Motivated robotics graduate student with over three years of experience in machine learning, reinforcement learning and controls. I am currently looking for a challenging Summer 2019 internship.

EDUCATION

M.S in Robotics, Oregon State University *Sept 2018-20*
Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, Large Scale Optimization, Intro. to Robotics

Bachelor of Engineering, Anna University CGPA- (8.31/10) *May 2018*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming: Python, C++, MATLAB
- Solvers/Libraries/Software: CVX, TensorFlow, ROS, OpenCV, Git, Gazebo
- Self Study: Bishop's Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning, Convex Optimization by Stephen Boyd, Richard Sutton's Introduction to RL, Stephen Abbott's Understanding Real Analysis

EXPERIENCE

Personal Robotics Lab, Oregon State University *Oct 2018-Ongoing*
Graduate Researcher

- Developing action planners for finite horizon probabilistic setting. Goal is to bound worst case loss, rather than minimizing expected cost. Application domain is an Ebola quarantine centre.

IIIT Delhi *May 2017 - Oct 2017*
Machine Learning Intern [\[Poster\]](#)

- Designed and evaluated RL based adaptive traffic light controllers which were found to be an improvement of over 21 percent when compared to a non-intelligent controller.
- Implemented one shot imitation learning algorithms in Tensorflow for egocentric view based control.

Swaayatt Robots *Dec 2016 - Feb 2017*
Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Driving

- Designed and tested off-policy, model-free reinforcement learning methods for steering control of an autonomous vehicle. Trajectories to be followed were detected with a CNN trained to 97% test error.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS (SELECTED)

- Autonomous Overtaking using Reinforcement Learning [\[Report\]](#)
 - Implemented several research papers in options framework, a temporal abstractions framework and designed a PyGame simulator to test a proposed framework for autonomous driving.
- Convex Optimization Solver [\[Code\]](#)
 - Built a generic interior point method based convex optimization solver in MATLAB.
- Autonomous Beach Cleaning Robot [\[Video\]](#)
 - Led team of three which developed an autonomous beach cleaning robot. My role was in team organization, ML for litter detection, and prototype design.