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#### Education

Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY

Ph.D., Mechanical (Concentration: Design and Robotics, Minor: Applied Mathematics), GPA 3.95

Aug. 2015 - Present

• Relevent Coursework: Robotics, Advanced Dynamics, Vibration and Control, Kinematic Analysis and Synthesis, Applied Stress Analysis, Product Design Optimization, Geometric Modeling, Analysis of Algorithms

## Experience

Stony Brook University

Stony Brook, NY May 2017 - Present

Research Assistant

- Developing a Computational Framework for Data-Driven Mechanism Design Innovation supported by \$450K NSF grant.
- Created MotionGen a web-based mechanism design framework. Uses MEAN (MongoDB, Express.js, Angular.js, Node.js) stack to create a RESTful web service based on MVC architecture. iOS and Android app created using Apache Cordova framework.
- Path synthesis of mechanisms based on Fourier descriptor fitting using Nelder-Mead and Simulated Annealing optimization.
- Mixed motion and path mechanism synthesis using optimal non-uniform DFT and Singular Value Decomposition.
- Real-time simulation of planar and spherical mechanisms with prismatic and revolute joints using Newton-Raphson optimization.
- Synthesized path tracing mechanisms with optimum transmission angle using wavelet features in a neural network.
- Developing Spatial mechanisms synthesis techniques using Homotopy methods for type and dimensional synthesis.

Teaching Assistant

Aug 2016 - Apr 2017

- Developed SnappyXO, a laser-cut design-driven robotics platform which enables designing mechanisms, structures, and robots.
- Advised 250+ undergraduates in MEC101-Freshman Design Innovation and MEC 102-Engineering Computing.

Vivonics, Inc.

Stony Brook, NY

Feb 2016 — Aug 2016

- Product Design Intern • Developed PMT Monitor, a portable medical headset which detects head trauma by measuring visually evoked potential.
- Generated concepts for a mechanism which adjusts the interpupillary distance between the lenses. Focus was on manufacturability and robustness.

Leviathan Energy

Stony Brook, NY

Feb 2016 - May 2016

- Design Engineer • Collaborating on propeller airfoil design under Strategic Partnership for Industrial Resurgence program by SUNY.
- In charge of part design using design software such as Solidworks and Autodesk Inventor and prototyping of designed parts by FDM based 3D printing techniques.

#### **Indian Institute of Information Technology**

Junior Research Fellow

Jabalpur, India

May 2014 - May 2015

- Led a \$70k+ research project funded by the Science and Engineering Research Board titled "Development of Additive-Subtractive Integrated Rapid Prototyping System for Improved Part Quality".
- Designed and Fabricated a Pellet based Screw Extrusion process to enable the use of CNC machines as hybrid 3D printers.
- Developed Toolpath Planning strategies to manufacture CAD models using Hybrid Manufacturing techniques.

## Relevant Projects

## Fracture test analysis for compact tension specimen

Feb 2017 - May 2017

• Finite element analysis of a fracture specimen to predict and validate deformations at the crack tip using Abacus.

Conceptual Design

Aug 2015 - May 2016

- Conceptual design of an Ergonomic Nutcracker and Stone Crusher.
- Formulation of product design specification and criteria and generation of the best possible product concept.

Quality Improvement of Aircraft Wing Assembly

Aug 2015 – Nov 2015

• Identifying and correcting the root cause for high rejection rate of final assembly using Pareto Charts, Cause and Effect Diagrams, Control Charts and Histograms.

Mold Design and Manufacturing

May 2012 - Nov 2012

- Designed and manufactured molds for irrigation industry products for Injection Molding Process.
- Flow Analysis results were used to optimize design and a Pricing Strategy was developed for industry.

## Technical Proficiency

- Languages: Proficient in Python, Javascript, C++, MATLAB, Mathematica
- CAD softwares: Solidworks, CATIA, PTC Pro/ENGINEER (CREO), Ansys (CFD and Mechanical), Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk AutoCAD, Autodesk Moldflow, FeatureCAM, MSC-Adams, ZWCAD, HyperMesh, OptiStruct, Materialize Magics, Materialize Mimics, CNC G-M Code, Minitab
- Tools & Technologies: Keras, Tensorflow, OpenCV, HTML, CSS, Canvas, Node.js, Express.js, Redis, Apache Cordova, OpenGL, Jupyter, Anaconda

## Selected Publications

- Sharma S., Purwar A., Ge Q.J.; A Motion Synthesis Approach to Solving Alt-Burmester Problem by Exploiting Fourier Descriptor Relationship Between Path and Orientation., ASME J. Mechanisms Robotics; doi:10.1115/1.4042054
- Sharma S., Purwar A., Ge Q.J.; An Optimal Parametrization Scheme for Path Generation Using Fourier Descriptors for Four-Bar Mechanism Synthesis., ASME J. Computing and Information Science in Engineering; doi:10.1115/1.4041566