- Pursuing a Minor degree at the department of Systems and Control Engineering, IIT Bombay
- Awarded Branch Change to Mechanical Engineering for exemplary academic performance in first year ('20)
- Secured 98.40 percentile in JEE Advanced and 99.67 percentile in JEE Main entrance examination ('19)

## Competitions .

## Vision Based Obstacle Avoidance Drone | 9th InterIIT Tech Meet

(Mar '21

Worked in a team of 8 to autonomously explore static cluttered environments & land on target after detection

- Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> across 23 IITs | Devised navigation pipeline with three layers of intelligence algorithms
- Deliberated on image processing operations on depth images to find the safest optimal local waypoint
- Implemented scan & survey pipeline to negotiate dead ends inside ROS/Gazebo using ArduPilot SITL

### Intelligent Picking Robot | Flipkart Grid 2.0-Robotics Challenge

(Jun '20 - Aug '20

Worked in a team of 5 on an autonomous robotic arm capable of picking and transporting items in a warehouse
• Among the top 121 teams qualified for Level 3 out of 6000+ teams registered for Level 1 from all over India

- Deliberated on Mechanical Design of **4-DOF** manipulator & worked on sensor selection and placement
- Exported URDF of the robotic arm and visualized pick and place on RViz using MoveIt framework

### Winner - International Micro-mouse Challenge | Techfest, IIT Bombay

(Dec '20)

Simulated an autonomous bot using ROS & Gazebo to solve an unknown maze in the shortest time

- Implemented omni-wheel based drive to reduce steering latency & carried out goal-to-goal navigation
- Controlled the angular speed of the wheels using PD controller to ensure goal keeping between the walls
- $\bullet \ \, \text{Studied } \textbf{Breadth-First Search} \ \text{algorithm to debug and optimize the maze-solving algorithm at speed} \\$

# KEY PROJECTS -

## Precision Agriculture with quadrotors

(May '21 - Present)

Guides: Prof. Hemendra Arya and Prof. Arpita Sinha

Systems and Controls Department, IIT Bombay

- Created custom URDFs and crop-field like gazebo environment and carried out autonomous way-point navigation to perform raster scan on Gazebo using PX4 SITL while using MAVROS for communication
- Studied the PX4 developer's documentation for enhanced understanding of the flight stack
- Studying the kinematics and dynamics of quad-rotor and basics of **non-linear control theory** to implement robust **sliding mode control** to reject the un-modelled external disturbances with varying payload

### SeDriCa | Unmesh Mashruwala Innovation Cell

(May '21 - Present)

Working in a 20+ member team aiming to develop a self-driving car capable of transversing on Indian roads

- Part of Decision-Making subsystem that makes high-level driving decisions for the self-driving car
- $\bullet$  Conceptualized and implemented pipeline to tackle  $\mathbf{traffic}$   $\mathbf{signs}$  and integrated it with velocity planning
- Ideating on ego vehicle decisions & actions related to lane changing, reverse driving and parking execution

### Seasons of Code | Web & Coding Club (WnCC), IIT Bombay

(Apr '21 - Present)

- Facial Expression Recognition
  - Constructed a deep convolution neural network to recognize facial expressions from 7 categories
  - Trained FER dataset from Kaggle in Keras to achieve 74% training accuracy and 66% test accuracy
  - o Applied Haar Cascades for face detection in real-time video streams and image data using OpenCV
- Instance Segmentation Self Driving Cars
  - Performed transfer learning with state-of-the-art network architecture—Mask RCNN and tailored it for specifically 8 categories, fine-tuned the model to reduce the average loss by 50%
  - o Integrating the trained model with CARLA and employed CvBridge to obtain camera sensor data

#### IITB Racing | Student Technical Team

(Jan '20 - Mar '21)

A team designing and fabricating electric race cars to compete in International Formula Student events

- Junior Design Engineer: Implemented Voronoi path planning algorithm on FSSIM with ROS/Gazebo
- Trainee: Designed a motor controller precharge circuit on EAGLE | Studied safety shutdown circuit

Institute Mess Digitization Project | Institute Technical Council, IIT Bombay (Dec '20 - Apr '21)

Digitized institute mess to replace mess cards with student ID Cards reducing the workload of mess workers

- $\bullet$  Developed an in-house product prototype to be deployed in all the institute messes used by 10k + students
- Conceptualized a Master/Slave architecture (R-Pi/ ESP32) and integrated it with RC522 RFID reader
- Employed MQTT protocol to establish wireless communication between Raspberry Pi and multiple ESP32s

## FEM Analysis of Closed Die Forging | $Course\ Project$

(Feb '21 - Apr '21)

Guide: Prof. Ramesh Singh

Mechanical Department, IIT Bombay

- Modeled blank & ring-shaped die with appropriate material, meshing & boundary conditions in Abaqus
- Performed finite element analysis of axis-symmetric forging process and analysed the effect of different die velocities on the stress distribution in the forged model for **Von Mises** and **S11** stress

#### Oculus - Institute Technical Summer Project (ITSP)

(May '20 - June '20)

Developed an assistive document reader, dictator and Wikipedia search platform to aid visually impaired

- Implemented image transformion and edge detection using **OpenCV** and performed OCR using Tesseract
- Utilized gTTS to convert extracted text to speech & Google Speech API to enable voice type and voice search

## OTHER TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

- Built an Arduino based autonomous Line-Follower robot capable of following a given path ('19)
- Developed a **touchless elevator control system** by building an MIT App Inventor app as UI and interfaced RPi with 8X8 LED Matrix to display scrolling numerals using local HTTP server for communication ('20)
- Mentored a team of 4 freshmen for a project based on Robotics and Image Processing in ITSP (21)
- Ideated termite-inspired robotic system to emulate construction using Lego bricks for Bio-mimicry GC ('20)
- Built RC Plane out of depron and employed a circuit involving ESC, servo, LiPo Battery & BLDC motor ('19)
- Programmed PlutoX drones (by DronaAviation) to control it using surrounding temperature ('21)
- Developed a sound-light synchronised **Xyloband** using OpAmps and filter circuit in an event by ERC ('20)
- **Delivered session** on Serial Communication Protocols in embedded systems in a summer course registered by **200+ students** with TinkerCAD simulations and framed practice assignments for better understanding ('21)
- Introduced Python to 1000+ students in the course PyCK hosted under WnCC, IIT Bombay ('21)

# Position of Responsibility

Convener | Electronic and Robotics Club (ERC), Institute Technical Council

(May '20 - Apr '21)

Part of a 15+ member team that conceptualises and organises events for tech enthusiasts in the Institute

- Conducted club orientation and a 2-day Arduino Basics Workshop, attended by 100+ freshmen
- Contributed articles on Occupancy Grid Mapping, Kalman Filter and ROS to the 'ERC Wiki repository'
- Organised 'ER101'- a 7 week series of sessions on design and development of a robotics manipulator
- Delivered a talk on Kinematics & Dynamics of a 2-DOF manipulator with MATLAB demonstrations
- Curated 50+ question & organized 'Jhatka GC', an electronics, robotics based inter-hostel championship

## TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY -

Languages
Softwares & Tools
Frameworks & Libraries
Electronics

Python, C++, MATLAB, Markdown

SolidWorks, Abaqus, Simulink, EAGLE, Gazebo, AutoCAD, Git

ROS, Tensorflow, Keras, OpenCV, Pandas, NumPy LATEX

Raspberry Pi, Arduino, Node MCU, ESP32

# KEY COURSES UNDERTAKEN

Mechanical	Solid Mechanics, Fluid Mechanics, Engineering Graphics and Drawing, Thermodynamics, Structural and Strength of Materials, Heat Transfer*
Electrical and Controls	Introduction to Electrical and Electronics Circuits, Mathematical Structures for Control, Signal and Feedback Systems, Linear and Non-Linear systems*, Adaptive Control Theory*, Microprocessors and Automatic Control*
Computer Science and Mathematics	Calculus, Linear Algebra, Computer Programming and Utilisation, Numerical Analysis, Deep Learning - Theory and Practice*

\*to be completed in Fall 2021

# EXTRACURRICULARS

- Successfully completed a year-long training in Fine Arts under National Sports Organization(NSO)
- Volunteered in **Kaladarshan** (annual photography and fine arts exhibition of IITB) for ideating theme, creating art installations, road painting and contributed five sketches to be put up in exhibition
- Received training for 6 years in painting, and secured distinction by Bangiya Sangeet Parishad, Calcutta
- Awarded distinction in Kathak by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal, Mumbai
- Curated content for TechTuesday-initiative promoting tech by Techfest on the 3.1M+ FB follower page
- Felicitated with Times NIE Student of the Year award among the top 300 scorers across Mumbai