PORTFOLIO

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Areas of Interest

Mathematics, Robotics, Control Theory, Computer Vision, Machine Learning

EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.); GPA: 85.68%

Major: Mechanical Engineering • Minor: Computer Science

Relevant Coursework:

- Advanced Robotics Robotics and Control Mechatronics Automatic Control Artificial Neural Networks
- Mathematical Imaging Techniques (Audited) Vibration and Noise Kinematics and Dynamics of Machines
- Mathematical Statistics Data Structures Design and Analysis of Algorithms Computer Graphics
- Tensors and Differential Geometry (Audited)

Delhi Public School, Indore

Mathematics and Science; GPA: 89.4%

Madhya Pradesh, India Jul 2012 - Mar 2014

EXPERIENCE

Software and Embedded Systems Engineer

JIG-SAW INC. Feb 2019 - Current

- Developed image processing algorithms for edge processing in Internet of Things
- o Designed libraries for custom JS firmware (neqto:) for IoT gateway device
- Created internal automation tools for testing, deployment and documentation packages with CI/CD
- Lead a team of engineers to design experiments and develop libraries for various sensors
- Prepared technical demonstrations for novel IoT use cases and showcased them in large expose like MWC (Barcelona), IoT M2M (Tokyo), IoT World (San Jose) and AWS Summit (Tokyo)
- Worked extensively with AWS cloud services, particularly Lambda, S3, CloudFront, and IoT Core

Developer (Internship)

Tokyo, Japan

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JIG-SAW INC.

Oct 2018 - Jan 2019

- Developed testing suite for a Django Rest Framework API for CI/CD
- Developed an IoT AR application on Microsoft HoloLens and Sony SmartGlass for industrial monitoring

Engineering Intern, ITC Ltd.

Guntur, India

Project: Mechanization of De-Stemming Operation of Dried Chili

May 2017 - July 2017

- o Identified possible solutions for automation of the manual and tedious de-stemming operation on chili
- Innovated technologies and mechanisms, oversaw the fabrication of prototypes and assessed them on the basis of cost, production and quality to get the best possible solution
- Brought 7-fold decrease in the manufacturing cost with IRR of \$50,000/year

[recommendation]

IIT Roorkee

Controls Engineer, Team Robocon IIT Roorkee

Jan 2015 - Apr 2018

Control and Automation Division

• Worked on year long projects in 25 member team to represent IIT-R in ABU Robocon 2016, '17 and '18

- In the competition, robots compete to complete a task within a set period of time
- Developed control systems, worked on sensor integration, designed and fabricated the robots
- o 2015-16 (Core Member)
 - * Worked on navigation of different semi-automatic chassis using sensor fusion and image processing
 - * Secured 5^{th} position in 108 Teams at national level and Best Aesthetics Award
- o 2016-17 (Mentor) and 2017-18 (Senior Mentor)
 - * Oversaw the overall design and automation of the robots to solve the problem statement
 - * 2018 Secured 7th position in 107 Teams at national level and Best Innovative Award

Uttarakhand, India

Jul 2014 - Apr 2018

Humanoid Modelling for Walking on Vibrating Beam

IIT Roorkee

 $B.Tech.\ Project-2^{nd}\ best\ project\ in\ 32\ projects\ in\ the\ department$

Aug 2017 - May 2018

- o Studied human gait and analyzed vibrations generated due to human-beam interaction in sagittal plane
- o Mathematical dynamics modelling of biped robot using Lagrangian mechanics and bond graphs

Telescope Automation

IIT Roorkee

2nd Position in Engineers' Conclave, Inter-IIT Tech Meet 2018

Jan 2017 - Mar 2017

- o Automated equatorial mount telescope using stepper motors, Raspberry Pi and 3-D printed parts
- Developed an API to Interface with Stellarium to point the telescope automatically towards the object selected on the GUI

Design of 8-DOF Manipulator on Holonomic Platform

IIT Roorkee

Summer Undergraduate Research Award, 2016

May 2016 - Dec 2016

- o Designed, analyzed and fabricated a redundant manipulator on a three (omni-)wheel platform
- o Performed CAD modelling, structural analysis and rigid body dynamics analysis of the robot
- o Automated the robot using encoders, hall effect sensors (Maxon Motors) and optical flow sensors
- Programmed the robot on the IEC-61131-3 programming environment on EPOS studio
- Forward/inverse kinematics/dynamics of the robot using bond graphs
- Simulated path planning algorithms for trajectory generation/optimization in MATLAB

3D-Line Follower Using Image Processing

IIT Roorkee

[report]

Member of Team Robocon IIT Roorkee

Jan 2016 - Feb 2016

- o Developed a 3-wheeled robot with front wheel steering for line following over a contoured surface
- Streamed image from an on-board camera, finding the orientation of line using edge/contour detection algorithms and passing appropriate signal to a servo motor for steering
- Experimented with multiprocessing and GPU rendering for increasing speed

General Curve Tracing – Four (Omni-)Wheel Chassis

IIT Roorkee

Member of Team Robocon IIT Roorkee

- Oct 2015
- Developed an algorithm and control system to trace any mathematical curve given in explicit notation
 Used machine learning algorithms to get an equation of the sensor mapping, by training using the

data-set obtained by moving the bot on the desired path manually [report]

Coordinate Based Navigation – Four (Mecanum-)Wheel Chassis

IIT Roorkee

Member Of Team Robocon IIT Roorkee

Sept 2015

- o Built a navigation control algorithm for point to point traversal with or without orientation lock
- o Interfaced magnetometer, IR sensor and encoder; Kalman filter for smoothing sensor data

Stair Climbing Robot

IIT Roorkee

Member of Team Robocon IIT Roorkee

Aug 2015

o Designed a small pneumatic based RC wheeled robot that could climb stairs of variable dimensions

Fuzzy Logic Library in C++

IIT Roorkee

Member of Team Robocon IIT Roorkee

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- Developed a general fuzzy logic library in C++ for control of wheeled robots
- o Formulated a generalized automatic fuzzification rule base

[github-repository]

May 2015 - July 2015

Quadcopter

IIT Roorkee

Best Project, Models and Robotics Section; Srishti 2015

Feb 2015 - Mar 2015

- Fabricated and automated a quad-copter using BLDC motors, Arduino and IMU
- Implemented and compared various control algorithms for stable flight

An Evolutionary Approach to a Modified Multi-Objective Job-Shop Problem Course Project, Operating Systems

IIT Roorkee Mar 2018

- Researched about scheduling problems and the existing approaches to their solution
- o Compared evolutionary algorithms (GA, PSO, SA and ACO) to optimize the number of machines given a time constraint, single task jobs and identical machines in MATLAB [presentation] [report]

Digital Circlism (Algorithmic Art)

IIT Roorkee

Course Project, Computer Graphics

Oct 2017

- o Conceptualized a method for digital circlism, a form of digital art
- Implemented mean-shift segmentation and euclidean distance transform

[report]

Comparison of Regression Techniques for Short-Term Time-Series Prediction

IIT Roorkee Apr 2017

- Course Project, Artificial Neural Networks
 - Compared LSTM, SVR and ARIMA to determine the best model for short-term time-series prediction
 - Used Sklearn library for SVR and TensorFlow for LSTM

[report]

Stereo-Imaging Using Segmentation

IIT Roorkee

Course Project, Mathematical Imaging Techniques

Oct 2016

• Reviewed existing stereo imaging techniques and formulated a method to generate the disparity map using hierarchical segmentation and iterative cluster comparison [presentation] [report]

SVM Classifier for Satellite Images in C++

IIT Roorkee

For a competition > Top 5

Sept 2015

o Implemented an SVM classifier using LIBSVM library to classify satellite images.

[presentation]

SKILLS

Programming Languages C/C++, Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, Processing, C#, JAVA, Bash, LATEX

Software MATLAB, Mathematica, GNU Octave, Git, AWS, GCP, openCV

Solidworks, Fusion 360, Ansys, MSC ADAMS, ABAQUS, AutoCAD, Eagle

Languages English (RWS), Hindi (RWS), Japanese (Basic $\sim JLPT-N5$)

Leadership/Positions of Responsibility

Convener

Srishti 2018 (Annual Techno-Hobby Exhibition, IIT Roorkee)

Jan 2018 - Mar 2018

- Srishti is the two day annual techno hobby exhibition of IIT-R in which all the major technical groups of the campus exhibit their past years work.
- My team planned, organized and managed the event which had more than 500 exhibitors and 73 projects

Secretary

Tinkering Lab, IIT Roorkee

Aug 2017 - Apr 2018

- o Tinkering Lab is the state-of-the-art rapid prototyping lab of IIT-R that was established to encourage the spirit of innovation, invention and entrepreneurship among students
- As the first student secretary of the lab, took responsibility to promote its usage among students and professors, and making the access to the lab easy for all students by digitally reforming the lab procedures

Models and Robotics Section (MaRS)

IIT Roorkee

Joint Secretary Project Mentor

Apr 2016 - Apr 2017

 $Aug\ 2015 - Apr\ 2016$

• MaRS is the official robotics club of IIT-R which provides a platform for students to pursue their interest in a variety of projects which may be just for fun, or towards solving a real-life problem

- Conducted and spoke in open lectures on robotics for all student of the campus
- Guided more than 100 students from all academic years and branches, for projects like Waste Segregation Robot, Robotic Band, Humanoid, Robotics Fish, Automatic Aiming System; most of which were exhibited in Srishti 2016 and 2017

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Member

Students' Technical Council (STC), IIT Roorkee Institute Technical Council (ITC), IIT Roorkee Aug 2017 - Apr 2018 Jan 2017 - Apr 2017

• STC (prev. ITC) is the technical decision-making body of IIT-R, composed of students, professors and deans which oversees the workings of all technical groups, organizes competitions, promotes technical activities and projects, and effectuates technical changes in the campus

Co-ordinator

Cognizance 2016 (Annual Technology Festival, IIT Roorkee)

Mar 2016

- o Organized a centre-stage unmanned ground vehicles competition 'Cyborg Break-In'
- o Participation of over 500 students from colleges all across India

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (AWARDS/HONORS)

Trust Scholarship - Dean of Resources and Alumni Affairs

For overall performance during B. Tech.

2019

Annual Excellence Award — IIT Roorkee Heritage Foundation

For outstanding curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular achievements

2017

Summer Undergraduate Research Award

Sponsored Research And Industrial Collaboration (SRIC), IIT Roorkee

2016

Certificate of Merit in Mathematics — Top 0.1%; Marks:100/100

AISSCE, Central Board Of Secondary Education, India

2014

JEE Advanced

National Rank: 1331 in 150,000 selected candidates from 1.5 million students

2014

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE (WORKSHOPS/COMPETITIONS/SUMMER-SCHOOLS/CO-CURRICULAR)

SRISTI-UNICEF Summer School on Inclusive Innovations

Gandhinagar, India

Project: An Ergonomic and Efficient Chula

 $May\ 2018$ - $Jun\ 2018$

- Engaged in the analyzing the problem with the traditional wood-based 'chula' (stoves used in rural India)
- Innovated solutions to counter the problems like unavailability of wood and associated health hazards by increasing the efficiency of the chula and redesigning to make an ergonomic chula
- The developed chula could be readily adapted by all existing users, fabricated only using easily available natural materials, making it a no-cost easy solution that increases the efficiency about 40%

[presentation] [report]

6th Inter-IIT Tech Meet

IIT Madras

2nd Position in Engineers' Conclave

Jan 2018

o Mentored (Telescope Automation Project), one of the four projects selected to represent IIT Roorkee

5th Inter-IIT Tech Meet

IIT Kanpur

Represented IIT Roorkee in Indoor Localization Competition

March 2017

o Designed a wheeled robot to locate a WiFi beacon based on the received signal strength

[picture]

Feb 2017

Industrial Automation Workshop

Gurgaon, India

Delta Electronics

- Week long industrial automation workshop organized by Delta Electronics
- Taught with hands-on experience on programming industrial standard PLC, motors and drives
- Researched and conceptualized 'warehouse automation and monitoring' solutions

[proposal]

Techfest 2016 – 17

IIT Bombay

Ranked in the Top 5 Teams in Resemblance – A Satellite Image Classification Competition

Dec 2016 [report]

 \circ Implemented a SVM based classifier using LIBSVM in C to classify satellite images

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Short Term Course

IIT Roorkee

Modelling and Control of Robots

July 2016

Code.Fun.Do IIT Roorkee

Hackathon, Microsoft

Oct 2015, Mar 2016 and Mar 2018

- o 2015 C# and XML app to detect material of an object using the sound generated on its vibration
- 2016 Android app implementing a CNN classifier for crop disease detection using leaf images
- o 2018 A web app that shares the victim's id and medical data to nearest hospital in case of emergency

Robosapiens IIT Roorkee

Cognizance 2015 (Annual Technology Festival, IIT Roorkee)

Mar 2015

- Won 2nd position in over 50 teams from colleges all across the country
- Fabricated two small wheeled robots, automatic (line following) and manual robot with a pneumatic gripper capable of picking and throwing small sized wooden blocks at small distances (5m-6m)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

IIT Roorkee

• Engineering Drawing

Jan 2018 - Apr 2018

Programming And Data Structures

Oct 2017 - Nov 2017

- o Guided a class of 100 freshmen to understand the basics and important concepts of the subjects
- Took lectures and discussed difficult topics after class hours

Senior Mentor IIT Roorkee

Student Mentorship Program

Sept 2016 - Apr 2018

• One of the few students selected to mentor freshmen to make their transition into campus life easier and enable them to make better decisions to face the challenges of academic or non-academic nature

Extra-Curricular

Member, National Sports Organization (NSO)

IIT Roorkee

Among 200 students selected to be a member of NSO (Proficiency: Table Tennis)

Aug 2014 - Apr 2015

• 2nd Position, Intra-College Table Tennis Competition, 2016 and 2018

IIT Roorkee

Marathon

IIT Roorkee

Sangram 2017 (Annual Sports Festival, IIT Roorkee)

Delhi Public School, Indore

• Football
School Team

2011 - 2012

Table Tennis

Ujjain, India

Division Level, (Under 17)

2011

Chess
District Level, (Under 17)

Mandsaur, India

2011

Hobbies

• Photography • Guitar • Soccer • Swimming • Automation • Puzzles • Hiking

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