TRAVIS DRIVER

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology2019 - PresentDoctor of Philosophy, Aerospace EngineeringGPA: 4.00/4Advisor: Professor Panagiotis Tsiotras

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science, Computational Engineering, High Honors

2015 - 2019 GPA: 3.93/4

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dynamics and Control Systems Lab (DCSL)

August 2019 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant

Atlanta, GA

· Investigating perception, estimation, and control techniques for proximity operations in space

Autonomous GNC Lab

September 2018 - May 2019

Austin, TX

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- · Designed and implemented computer vision algorithms for autonomous navigation of robotic rover platform
- · Implemented feature-based detection and tracking algorithms to resolve relative pose of target object
- · Demonstrated successful autonomous rendezvous operation of robotic platform with target object

Texas Spacecraft Lab

June 2017 - January 2018

Algorithms Team Lead (Sept. 2017 - Jan. 2018), Systems Engineer (June 2017 - Sept. 2017)

Austin, TX

- \cdot Led team of 5+ engineers to implement machine learning and computer vision algorithms to detect target space-craft
- · Created a Python-based GUI to track and display spacecraft electrical power systems data
- · Conducted workshops to teach 20+ new members core concepts in Python and Git

Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences

May 2017 - August 2017

Austin, TX

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- · Implemented and evaluated novel clustering methods for an optimization and integration software library
- · Constructed programs to evaluate an advanced uncertainty quantification software library (QUESO) in C++
- · Improved variable assignment and subroutine methods to increase script efficiency of test programs

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Sandia National Laboratories

June 2019 - August 2019

Albuquerque, NM

Software~R & D~Intern

· Implemented Visual Simultaneous Localization And Mapping (VSLAM) algorithms for GPS-denied autonomous

drone navigation

· Trained and optimized CNN to efficiently identify objects in x-ray images

Northrop Grumman

January 2018 - August 2018

Guidance, Navigation & Control Engineer Intern

Wallops Island, VA

- · Implemented novel Inertial Navigation System (INS) calibration methods improving performance by $\sim 43\%$
- · Designed a software interface to configure the on-board Flash memory of the Attitude Control System
- · Created an automated testing module to collect data and analyze the performance of the developmental INS
- · Conducted post-flight analysis of the reported angular rates and attitude of the INS to evaluate performance

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COE 301: Introduction to Computer Programming

August 2017 - December 2017 Austin, TX

Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin

- Austin, IA
- · Aided in teaching core programming concepts in MATLAB, C++, and Fortran to a class of 100+ engineering students
- · Taught students course material one-on-one through 2 one-hour sessions of office hours per week
- · Assisted in creating course material and homework assignments focused on key programming concepts

HONORS & AWARDS

President's Fellowship, Georgia Institute of Technology (2019) University Honors, The University of Texas at Austin (2015 - 2019)

SKILLS

Programming: C, C++, C#, Python, MATLAB, Embedded, Fortran, Bash, Java

Software: ROS, GTSAM, OpenCV, TensorFlow, Blender, SolidWorks

Certifications: Technician Class Operator Radio License, NASA GSFC Electrostatic Discharge Operator

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