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EDUCATION	<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> , Aerospace Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology Focus: Optimal control under uncertainties, Covariance steering, Cognitive hierarchy theory, Pursuit-evasion games Advisor: Prof. Panagiotis Tsiotras	Aug' 2016 - <i>Present</i>
	<i>Master of Science</i> , Computational Science and Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology Focus: Machine Learning	Aug' 2017 - <i>Present</i>
	<i>Master of Technology</i> , Aerospace Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Focus: Flight Dynamics and Control Advisor: Dr. Mangal Kothari	July 2014 - May 2016
	<i>Bachelor of Technology</i> , Aerospace Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Madras Minor: Industrial Engineering	July 2010 - May 2014
EXPERIENCE	<i>Summer Intern</i> Vehicle Integration Department, Mahindra & Mahindra, Chennai Topic: Approximation methods for the modal analysis of an exhaust system Mentor: David Neihguk	May 2013 - July 2013
	<i>Summer Intern</i> Flight Mechanics and Control Division, CSIR-NAL, Bangalore Topic: Evaluation of free-to-roll test technique to study unsteady motions of an aircraft Mentor: Dr. Mallesh Bommanahal	May 2012 - July 2012
ARTICLES	<i>Optimal Evading Strategies and Task Allocation in Multi-Player Pursuit-Evasion Problems</i> V. R. Makkapati and P. Tsiotras Dynamic Games and Applications (under review)	
	<i>Nested Saturation based Guidance Law for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles</i> J. Patrikar, V. R. Makkapati, A. Pattanaik, H. Parwana, and M. Kothari ASME Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control, 2019	
	<i>Optimal Evading Strategies for Two-Pursuer/One-Evader Problems</i> V. R. Makkapati, W. Sun, and P. Tsiotras Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics (JGCD), 2018	
	<i>A Comprehensive Differential Game Theoretic Solution to a Game of Two Cars</i> R. Bera, V. R. Makkapati, and M. Kothari Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications (JOTA), 2017	

Pursuit-Evasion Games of High Speed Evader
M. V. Ramana and *M. Kothari*
 Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems (JINT), 2017

Pursuit Strategy to Capture High-Speed Evaders Using Multiple Pursuers
M. V. Ramana and *M. Kothari*
 Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics (JGCD), 2016

PROCEEDINGS & TALKS

Sequential Auto-Landing of Multiple UAVs using Control Constrained Path Following
J. Patrikar, V. R. Makkapati, and *M. Kothari*
 AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference (GNC), SciTech, 2019

Trajectory Desensitization in Optimal Control Problems
V. R. Makkapati, *M. Dor,* and *P. Tsiotras*
 IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2018

Optimal Strategies and Task Allocation in Multi-Pursuer Single-Evader Problems
V. R. Makkapati and *P. Tsiotras*
 International Symposium on Dynamic Games and Applications, 2018 ([Invited Talk](#))

Pursuit-Evasion Problems Involving Two Pursuers and One Evader
V. R. Makkapati, *W. Sun,* and *P. Tsiotras*
 AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference (GNC), SciTech, 2018

Motion Planning for a Fixed-Wing UAV in Urban Environments
M. V. Ramana, *S. A. Varma,* and *M. Kothari*
 IFAC Conference on Advances in Control and Optimization of Dynamical Systems (ACODS), 2016

A Cooperative Pursuit-Evasion Game of a High Speed Evader
M. V. Ramana and *M. Kothari*
 AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference (GNC), SciTech, 2016

A Cooperative Pursuit-Evasion Game of a High Speed Evader
M. V. Ramana and *M. Kothari*
 IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2015

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug' 2018 - *Present*
 Multi-variable Linear Systems and Control

Teaching Assistant Aug' 2013 - May 2014
 Flight Dynamics, Flight Stability & Control

EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Long Distance Running
Bronze medal in the Dean's Trophy Road Race 2014 at IIT Madras
Team record for running the longest distance of 87 km on a treadmill in 6 hours at
 Treadathon 2014, Chennai.

National Cadet Corps (NCC)
Leading Flight Cadet with *B Certificate* in the NCC examination

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Shaastra, Annual Technical Festival, IIT Madras Aug' 2011 - Apr' 2014
 Positions: Finance Coordinator, Finance Deputy Coordinator, Event Coordinator

Hostel Executive Council, Jamuna Hostel, IIT Madras

Feb' 2012 - Feb' 2013