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EDUCATION	<i>Doctor of Philosophy, Aerospace Engineering</i> 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, Computational Science and Engineering</i> Georgia Institute of Technology Focus: Machine Learning	Aug' 2017 - <i>Present</i>
	<i>Master of Technology, Aerospace Engineering</i> Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Focus: Flight Dynamics and Control Advisor: Dr. Mangal Kothari	July 2014 - May 2016
	<i>Bachelor of Technology, Aerospace Engineering</i> 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 (under review)	
	<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 Deans 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