# Zhijun ZHUANG

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)

Shanghai, China

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

Sep. 2017 - Present

• Overall GPA: 3.7/4.3 (87/100), Ranking: 27/161

**Selected Coursework:** Mechanical Dynamics (A), Deep Learning Practice(A)

**Languages:** IELTS: 7.5/9.0 GRE: 325+3.5(AW)

# **Selected Honors & Activities**

• First Prize of the Ninth National College Mechanical Innovation Competition(1%), China

- First Prize of Design and Manufacturing Exhibition in 2019(2%), Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Vice President of the Art Center, Student Union, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Design and Strategy Optimization of an Air Hockey Robot

SJTU, China

Team Co-Leader, Supervisor: Xinjun SHENG, Xinyi LE

Sept. 2019 - Present

Mechanical Structure and Electronic Control System

Designed a real-time vision capture system for the localization and trajectory prediction of the puck. Created a two-link parallel mechanism instead of an XY-axis cross slide to reduce cumulative error. Proposed an S-curve acceleration algorithm to improve the stability of stepper speed control.

Strategy Optimization of the Robot through Reinforcement Learning (RL)

Modeled the table air-hockey game in simulation and optimized the attack-defense strategy of the robot with RL.

Incorporated Prioritized Replay DQN, Dueling DQN, and Noisy Net to improve final performance.

Introduced an AI to collect positive experience as a warm-up to speed up training, and vectorized the environment's physical information as an improved embedding to make the sim-to-real transfer easier.

In progress: apply the learned policy to the real robot.

# Physically-based Simulation and Optimization of a two-DOF Chaotic Pendulum SJTU, China

Research Assistant, Supervisor: Genliang CHEN

Dec. 2019 - Mar. 2020

- Computed both forward kinematics and inverse kinematics and visualized the motion of a two-DOF chaotic pendulum.
- Implemented genetic algorithm to optimize the structure of the pendulum for long-lived motion.
- Justified the conclusion through manufacturing a scale model.

## Research and Development of Smart Car Slam with Lidar and Binocular Vision SJTU, China

Research Assistant, Supervisor: Bin WANG

Jul. 2018 - Sept. 2018

- Implemented the range-measurement system by binocular vision on an intelligent car.
- Analyzed SIFT algorithm in-depth, extracted the region of interest to improve the efficiency by almost 30% in detecting and matching feature points.

## Skill

- Programming: Python, R, C/C++
- Tools: MATLAB, Latex, Solidworks, Adams