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EDUCATION

Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute

2020 - 2024

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering; CGPA: 8.6/10

Mumbai, India

Thakur College of Science and Commerce

2018 - 2020

HSC: 93.54%

Mumbai. India

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

• Data Structures

• Database Management

• OOPs

• Software Engineering

• Operating Systems

• Computer Networks

• Computer Architecture

• Parallel Computing

• Artificial Intelligence

• Linear Algebra

• Machine Learning

• Internet of Things

EXPERIENCE

Multi-Robot Autonomy Lab, IISER Bhopal Z | Path Planning, Computer Vision Research Intern

Dr. P. B. Sujit

Dec 2022 - Present

Path Planning of UAVs using CFD and MPC

- The changing wind patterns around obstacles can increase the turning radius for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)
- Studied and designed a Model Predictive Controller (MPC) using the Multiple Shooting Method to move the UAV from one point to another along an optimized trajectory against a constant wind flow and implemented obstacle avoidance using the MPC controller.
- · Working on developing a machine learning model to predict these wind patterns around obstacles
- Working on generating flow fields around random points in the UAV's workspace

Collision avoidance of UAVs using NERFs

- Working on implementing Dynamic Collision Avoidance Algorithms for UAVs using Neural Radiance Fields(NeRF)
- Researched and understood about Signed Distance Fields(SDF) and Incremental Signed Distance Fields(iSDF) and how they can be used for perception in UAVs
- Currently understanding and trying to modify the code of iSDF for our use case
- Doing a Literature Survey on dynamic obstacle avoidance algorithms

Google Summer of Code with libcamera \Box | C++, OpenGL, Raspberry PiOpen Source Developer

Mr. Laurent Pinchart June 2022 - Nov 2022

- Implementing GPU-based software ISP(Image Signal Processor) within libcamera framework to make it compatible with devices that doesn't have a hardware ISP
- Used Generic Buffer Management (GBM) utility of Mesa to export buffers for GPU to be used as framebuffers for rendering textures including use of dmabufs to achieve zero-copy of data in memory
- In the Software ISP, All Image processing algorithms like **Demosaicing**, Auto-white balance, Auto-contrast and so on are implemented using OpenGL Compute Shaders to perform all the computations in GPU
- This GPU-based software ISP is further integrated with the **Simple Pipeline handler** of libcamera, which supports a range of simplistic platforms with a common generic handler

PROJECTS

Functional Weeder 🗹 | Elixir, Raspberry Pi

Oct 2021 - Mar 2022

- This project was built for e-Yantra Robotics Competition 2021-22 conducted by IIT Bombay
- Modified and implemented path finding and obstacle avoidance algorithms like A* in functional programming language(Elixir) to make the robot reach its goal position while avoiding obstacles
- Used Phoenix Web framework to establish communication between client and server using Websockets and Pubsub for creating a Liveview of robot's arena to show its movement on a webpage
- Implemented Line Following algorithm using PID control on the alphabot and designed arm mechanisms for Sowing and Weeding tasks

Street Racer 2 | HTML, CSS, Phaser.js, Python, OpenCV, Socket.io, Flask

Nov 2021 - Jan 2022

- Made a Gesture-controlled 2D Car Racing game using phaser.js
- Implemented stearing control using hand gestures with help of **OpenCv** library of Python
- Used Socket.io and flask to incorporate client-server mechanism and link gesture control with game over server

Sketch-2-Paint 🗹 | Python, Deep Learning, Neural Networks, CGANs, Tensorflow

Aug 2021 – Oct 2021

- Built a Conditional Generative Adversarial Network which accepts a 256x256 px black and white sketch image and predicts the colored version of the image without knowing the ground truth
- Learnt and implemented concepts of Linear Algebra, Neural networks, Activation functions, Convolutional Neural networks, U-net, Res-net and optimization of model based on different parameters
- Learnt about semi-supervised learning and implemented GANs using Tensorflow and keras libraries of Python
- Trained our model on Anime Sketch Colorization Pair consisting of 14k images

AirMouse ☑ | Python, OpenCV, Mediapipe, NumPy, Mouse

July 2021

- A virtual mouse system using Web camera to interact with the computer in a more user friendly manner that can be an alternative approach to touch screen
- Implemented mouse control (without touching) with the help of Mouse, OpenCV and Mediapipe libraries of Python

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages : Python, C, C++, Elixir, OpenGL

Web Developer Tools : HTML, CSS, Javascript, Phaser.js, Flask, WebSockets

Technologies/Frameworks: Linux, Git, Github, ROS, ROS2, Gazebo, Coppeliasim, Rviz, MATLAB, CasADi,

Tensorflow, Keras, Phoenix, Raspberry Pi

Domains Explored : Robotics, Control Systems, SLAM, Computer Vision, Image Processing, Web Development

ACHIEVEMENTS

e-Yantra Robotics Competition by IIT Bombay

• Secured 4th rank out of 250+ teams in the e-Yantra Robotics Competition (Theme: Functional Weeder), an international level competition held by IIT Bombay

Digital Campus Hackathon by VJTI, Mumbai

- Secured 2nd position in the Administrative track of the Digital Campus Hackathon conducted by VJTI, Mumbai
- Built a **Online Scholarship portal** to digitalize scholarship application process and provide a centralized platform for students to get information and interact with the Scholarship Department of VJTI

HACKNICHE by DJ Sanghvi, Mumbai ☑

- Shortlisted as Top 5 teams in the Hackniche Hackathon 2023, conducted by DJ Sanghvi College of Engineering, Mumbai
- Built **HackTrack** a Web application for shortlisting teams based on their resume score and communication between Hackathon organizers and participants

MHT-CET EXAMINATION

• Secured 99.93 percentile in the MHT-CET examination, a state entrance examination for engineering majors in PCM.

COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP

Society of Robotics and Automation, VJTI

June 2021 – present

Core Member and Lecturer

- Managed, mentored and co-conducted Wall-E (Self-balancing Robot), Mario (3 DOF Robotic Arm) Workshops and Pixels (Image Processing and Computer Vision) Seminar for over more than 150 students
- Delivered lectures on I2C Communication Protocol and Separable Convolutions in these workshops
- Mentored juniors for projects on Constructing an Image Pipeline and GPGPU with Gles in Eklavya mentorship program

Community of Coders, VJTI

Jan 2023 – present

Student Mentor

• Mentored Juniors for project on Web Application for Number plate detection using OpenCV in Inheritance mentorship program 2022-23