Yuchen Song

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Education

University of California, San Diego

MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sept. 2023 - Jun. 2025 GPA: 4.0/4.0 [Trans.]

• Coursework: Introduction to Robotics, Sensing and Estimation in Robotics, Robot Manipulation and Control, Machine Learning for Robotics, Planning and Learning in Robotics.

South China University of Technology

BEng in Robotics Engineering & BEcon

Sept. 2018 - Jun. 2023 GPA: 3.83/4.0 [Trans.]

Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020

Coursework: Machine Vision and Sensing System, Embedded System and Design, Classical/Modern Control Theory, Theory and Technology of Robotics, Industrial Robots and Applications.

University of California, Berkeley

Visiting student

• Coursework: CS61BL: Data Structures and Programming Methodology.

Publications

3D-Spatial Multimodal Memory

Under Review

Xueyan Zou, Yuchen Song, Ri-zhao Qiu, Xuanbin Peng, Jianglong Ye, Sifei Liu, Xiaolong Wang

WildLMa: Long Horizon Loco-Manipulation in the Wild

Under Review

Ri-zhao Qiu*, *Yuchen Song**, Xuanbin Peng*, Sai Aneesh Suryadevara, Ge Yang, Minghuan Liu, Mazeyu Ji, Chengzhe Jia, Ruihan Yang, Xueyan Zou, Xiaolong Wang

Learning Generalizable Feature Fields for Mobile Manipulation

Under Review

Ri-zhao Qiu*, Yafei Hu*, *Yuchen Song**, Ge Yang, Yang Fu, Jianglong Ye, Jiteng Mu, Ruihan Yang, Nikolay Atanasov, Sebastian Scherer, Xiaolong Wang

Experience

Depth Supervised Multi-View Stereo Neural Radiance Fields

Research project with professor Huazhe Xu, THU

Jul. 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Performed Structure from Motion with COLMAP on collected images to extract depth from point cloud
- o Applied depth supervision on Multi-View Stereo (MVS) NeRF pretrained on DTU dataset
- \circ For a new scene with only a few images as sparse input, DS-MVSNeRF can achieve better results with fewer artificial floaters and higher rendering results (PSNR 1.2 \uparrow) with less training effort (7h \rightarrow 20min)

Reinforcement Learning in Traffic Merging Scenario

Sept. 2021 - Mar. 2022

Research project with professor Yuan Lin, SCUT

- Used Simulation of Urban MObility (SUMO) software to build the parallel-typed merging scenario, and registered it as a customized environment in gym
- Applied Traffic Control Interface (TraCI) to control intelligent agent (ego vehicle) with SUMO predefined driver models and deployed reinforcement learning algorithms
- Conducted experiments and the RL policy was shown to work well (93% success merge, 73% ↓ on jerk)

Lymph Node Sections for Cancer Detection Based on Deep CNNs Kaggle prediction competition

Jul. 2021 - Aug. 2021

o Applied various kinds of CNNs on the dataset from Kaggle and achieved 85% accuracy in image classification

- Made comparisons among the most famous architectures like VGG16, ResNet-18, and EfficientNet
- Conducted experiments to emphasize the importance of pre-trained weights for these networks
- o Designed a user-interface based on PyQt5 and made a chatbot based on NLTK

^{*} indicates equal contribution

Projects

LiDAR-Based SLAM and Visual-Inertial SLAM

Jan. 2024 - Mar. 2024

ECE276A course project

- o Synchronized data from encoder, IMU, LiDAR scans and camera with closest time steps
- Performed encoder and IMU odometry with differential drive model
- o Matched consecutive LiDAR scans with iterative closest point (ICP) and Kabsch algorithm
- o Built occupancy map with Bresenham's algorithm, projected camera images to ground
- Conducted pose graph optimization with factor graph SLAM using loop closure technique
- o Initialized trajectory with pose kinematics motion model and initialized landmark location with triangulation
- Mapped landmarks via EKF update with stereo camera observation model on the predicted trajectory
- o Corrected localization with EKF prediction and update steps on mapped landmarks
- o Combined the previous two steps for simultaneous localization and mapping with Extended Kalman Filter

Robotic System Design with Robot Operating System (ROS) CSE276A course project

Oct. 2023 - Dec. 2023

- Modeled the robot with a bicycle model, employing PID control to drive the robot to the desired waypoints
- Conducted calibration of the onboard camera, utilized Apriltag detection method for landmark identification, and performed coordinate transformations with TF module in ROS to achieve robot localization
- o Defined a trajectory for the robot car, leveraging Kalman Filter to do SLAM
- Applied A* and RRT planner algorithms to build a roomba-like robot

Design & Manufacturing of Robot Cars

Sept. 2019 - Jun. 2022

 $Under graduate\ course\ projects$

- o Designed four versions of cars and accomplished the goals: **the first one** could achieve line tracking and cargo delivering; **the second one** could be controlled via Bluetooth and shoot balls (ping-pong ball, pickle ball, and tennis ball) to a specific area; **the third one** was able to conduct wireless charging and electricity storage during the cruise; and **the fourth one** was designed comprehensively to implement obstacles avoidance, line tracking, object detection, grasping and unloading
- o Tools Used: C, Arduino, STM32, OpenMV, Solidworks, Cura

Skills

Programming: Python, Java, C++, C, MATLAB, and R

Tools: PyTorch, ROS, PyBullet, Simulink, and Solidworks, Git, IATEX, Photoshop, Premiere Pro

Languages: Chinese (Native), TOEFL 106 [Cer.], GRE 327+3.5 [Cer.]