Hany Hamed

Currently, working on zero-shot generalization in RL

Interested in Reinforcement Learning, Multi-Agent System, & Robotics.

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EDUCATION

Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST)

Daejeon, South Korea

Master of Science in Computer Science

Aug 2022 - June 2024

- KAIST's full scholarship
- Member of Machine Learning and Mind Lab (MLML)
- Supervisor: Prof. Sungjin Ahn
- CGPA: 4.00/4.30 (Latest transcript)

Innopolis University

Innopolis, Russia

Aug 2018 - June 2022

- Bachelor of Computer Science (Robotics track)
 Innopolis University's full scholarship
 - Outstanding Achievements at Innopolis University for Fall 2020 (Diploma)
 - Outstanding Contribution to Science at Innopolis University during 2020/2021 (Certificate) and 2021/2022 (Certificate)
 - CGPA: 4.68/5.00 (Diploma)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher

Nov 2022 – Present

KAIST

Daejeon, South Korea

- Working as a researcher as a part of my Master's degree under the supervision of Prof. Sungjin Ahn (Machine Learning and Mind Lab (MLML))
- Working on zero-shot generalization in Reinforcement Learning

Bachelor Thesis

April 2021 – June 2022

- "Learning behavioural strategies for multi-robot system in a predator-prey environment using Reinforcement Learning"
- Keywords: reinforcement learning, predator-prey, self-play, multi-agent
- Links: Preprint, GitHub repository & presentation
- Supervised by: Prof. Alexandr Klimchik & Prof. Stefano Nolfi

Laboratory Assistant

June 2021 – June 2022

Unmanned Technology Laboratory, Innopolis University

 $Innopolis,\ Russia$

- Integrating and developing ROS packages of different modules for drones (Gimbal control, RTK GPS, ...etc)
- Integrated Livox lidar with a drone for outdoor mapping
- Developed a handheld Lidar device for indoor/outdoor mapping for an industrial partner (results)
- Developed remote control for drone's payload through ROS and QGS
- Integrate LIO-SAM with lab's self-driving car

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Aug 2019 - April 2021

Center for Technologies in Robotics and Mechatronics Components, Innopolis University

 $Innopolis,\ Russia$

- Implemented a gym environment for a Tensegrity hopper
- Developed experiments using ARS RL algorithm to learn a stabilizing control policy for a tensegrity hopper
- Designed and implemented a contactless differentiable physics simulator for tensegrity robots using Taichi
- Performed research on sim2real transfer for a three-prism tensegrity robot

Publications & in progress manuscripts

• G. Kulathunga, H. Hamed, D. Devitt, and A. Klimchik, "Optimization-based trajectory tracking approach for multi-rotor aerial vehicles in unknown environments," *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, 2022 (IEEE paper, arXiv)

Contributions: debugging, conducting, and piloting real-world experiments

- V. Kurenkov, H. Hamed, and S. Savin, "Learning stabilizing control policies for a tensegrity hopper with augmented random search," in 2020 International Conference on Industrial Engineering, Applications and Manufacturing (ICIEAM), pp. 1–5, IEEE, 2020 (code, paper)

 Contributions: developing the simulation environment and the RL experiments
- L. Vorochaeva, S. Savin, and H. Hamed, "Lateral gait analysis of a crawling robot by means of controlling the lengths of links and friction in the supports," in 2020 International Conference Nonlinearity, Information and Robotics (NIR), pp. 1–6, IEEE, 2020 (paper)

 Contributions: proofreading, literature review & related-work, and section writing

Teaching Experience

KAIST

Teacher Assistant (TA)

Feb 2023 – June 2023

Daejeon, South Korea

- TA for CS 492: Special Topics in Computer Science Deep Reinforcement Learning. Main Instructor: Prof. Sungjin Ahn
 (Undergraduate and M.S. graduate level course) (Class size: 50 students)
- Preparing programming and theoretical assignments and in-class quizzes (shared with other TAs)
- Correcting students' assignments submissions
- Conducting office hours to answer students questions and inquiries

Teacher Assistant (TA)

 $May\ 2022 - July\ 2022$

Innopolis University

Innopolis, Russia

- Assisting in developing and teaching the "Introduction to ROS" summer course with the main instructor Geesara Prathap for first-year university students as a third semester (Class size: 15 students)
- Conducting and teaching practical labs for the students
- Developing, preparing, and grading assignments

SELECTED AWARDS & CERTIFICATES & SUMMER SCHOOLS

Online Asian Machine Learning School (OAMLS 2021, certificate)

November 2021

• This school covered multiple topics in Machine learning: computer vision, deep learning, NLP, representation learning, transfer learning, reinforcement learning, causality and meta learning.

European Agent Systems Summer School (EASSS 2021)

July 2021

• The summer school explored different topics related to multi-agent systems around cooperative systems, reinforcement learning, game theory, modeling and simulation.

3rd place DOTS competition from Bristol Robotics Lab and Toshiba (Certificate) June 2021

• The competition was about developing an algorithm for multi robots to collect food items and return it to the storage in a gazebo simulated environment.

Winter School on Machine Learning in Robotics (Certificate of Participation)

Dec 2020

 This school explored the intersection of machine learning in robotics in areas of reinforcement learning, and computer vision • PyTorch, Tensorflow, ROS, Python, C/C++, Docker, Git, Linux

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Technical Intern

July 2019 - Aug 2019 - [Doc] *Moscow, Russia*

Copter Express

• Had a training about main components and construction of drones

- Had a training on programming COEX's drones (ROS, px4 and indoor navigation using Aruco markers)
- Developed a human pose estimation with a webcam using Tensorflow.js to control a drone
- Integrated RTAP-Map SLAM algorithm with COEX's drone using Intel Real-Sense T265 and D435 cameras

Projects

Drone Detection (Computer Vision project course) | Link | PyTorch

September 2021

- Collected and labeled a diverse dataset
- Implemented training scripts for Faster R-CNN pretrained models from dectron2

Human Pose Estimation Drone Control | Link | Python, TF.js, ROS

July 2019

- Explored and tested different human pose estimation modules
- Integrated a drone controller with human pose estimation module built with TensorFlow.js

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Judge at Korea Science and Engineering Fair (KSEF) International | Certificate

2022

- Judged in the category of Computer Science
- Conducted technical interviews with the participants
- Judged the research reports and presentations made by the participants

Judge at WRO International Finals [Advanced Robotics Challenge - ARC] | Certificate

2019

- Developed the game rules for the international competition
- Judged the Russian qualifications as the Head judge and the International competition as a judge
- Collaborated in the development of a playground generator for the competition using C++ and Javascript

Participant in RoboCup Junior Egypt Open Weight Soccer Category (2nd place)

2018

- Developed ball detection using OpenCV and the robot's game controller algorithm
- Developed PCB boards for the robot