Suning Huang

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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

Expected 07/2024

B.E., Automation

Overall GPA: 3.94/4.00 (Rank 2/146)

Programming languages: C/C++, Python, MATLAB, LaTeX, Qt5

Selected Courses:

Calculus (A) Artificial Intelligence (A) Signals and System Analysis (A+) Theory of Automatic Control (A) Linear Algebra (A) Numerical Analysis (A) Probability and Statistics (A), Data Structure and Algorithm (A) Advanced Topics in Intelligent Robot (A)

Awards and Honors:

National Scholarship (0.2%) 10/2021 First Prize in Multi-modality Fusion & Classification Competition 06/2022 Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Performance (Top3) 10/2022, 2023

PUBLICATIONS

- Suning Huang, Boyuan Chen, Huazhe Xu, Vincent Sitzmann. Morphological Maze: Control Reconfigurable Soft Robots with Fine-grained Morphology Change. Submitted to ICLR 2024, [Link]
- Suning Huang, Can Chang, Tao Du, Huazhe Xu. DrLara: Design Soft Robot with Latent Space Gradients. Submitted to ICRA 2024, [Link]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research student, advised by Prof. Huazhe Xu

Tsinghua University

Soft Robot Co-design (Under Review at ICRA2024)

09/2022 - 06/2023

- Employed a variational auto-encoder (VAE) to represent robot morphology in a structured, differentiable latent space, enabling gradient optimization for optimal robot design.
- Introduced a unique Dual-VAE structure to integrate task-related configurations with the robot design latent space, facilitating the generation of robot designs tailored for a specific category of tasks.
- Improved efficiency and accuracy in optimizing robot morphology compared to evolution-based methods.

Research student, advised by Prof. Vincent Sitzmann

MIT EECS

High-dimensional Control for Reconfigurable Robot (Under Review at ICLR2024)

07/2023 - 09/2023

- Firstly proposed a novel parametrization, drawing from material science knowledge, to translate the control of highly reconfigurable robots into a standard reinforcement learning (RL) framework.
- Addressed high-dimensional RL challenges by employing a fully-convolutional control policy bolstered with a coarse-to-fine curriculum, enabling control of reconfigurable robots for detailed morphological alterations.
- Developed a comprehensive MPM-based benchmark to validate the proposed algorithm.

Research student, advised by Prof. Benben Jiang

Tsinghua University

Battery Fast-Charging Algorithm

01/2022 - 06/2022

Employed Bayesian Optimization with Lipschitz continuity constraints to safely and systematically explore the parameter space and optimize charging functions.

Research student, advised by Prof. Xiang Li

Tsinghua University

Deformable Object (DO) Manipulation with Dual-arm Robot (Plan to submit to T-RO)

09/2023 - Present

- Developed a dual-branch point-cloud-based algorithm with PointNet++ for enhanced feature extraction and analysis.
- Focused one branch on end-to-end 3-D state regression and initial pose estimation, and the other on local calibration for precise occluded point state detection.
- Combined the outputs of both branches to achieve a robust, accurate real-time perception algorithm, suitable for practical deployment in dynamic environments.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tsinghua Course Guidance Volunteer 03/2021 - 06/2023

Teaching Assistant in Digital Electronics Course 09/2021 - 01/2022

Class Leading Cadre 09/2022 - 06/2023