

# Sai Navaneet

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## About Me

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Driven by curiosity and innovation, I am currently pursuing a Master's in Electronics and Electrical Engineering, specializing in NLP-based robotic control. My passion lies in blending machine learning with robotics to create intelligent systems that solve real-world challenges. I thrive on research, discovery, and turning complex ideas into practical solutions.

## Education

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**Kyungpook National University**, Masters in School of Electronics and Electrical Engineering Mar 2024 – Present

Daegu, South Korea

- GPA: 4.07/4.3

**Kyungpook National University**, Bachelor of Science in School of Electronics Engineering (Double Degree) Mar 2022 – Feb 2024

Daegu, South Korea

- GPA: 3.8/4.3

**Christ University**, Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering July 2019 – Dec 2021

Bangalore, India

- GPA: 3.7/4

## Experience

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**Research & Robotics Engineer**, Airobotics – Daegu, South Korea April 2025 – Present

- Working on autonomous car manufacturing systems using **Yaskawa** industrial robots.
- Developed and integrated object detection models to identify weld beads for quality assurance and robotic guidance.
- Collaborate on the automation of inspection processes within the vehicle assembly line.

**Robotics Engineer**, Dexweaver – Daegu, South Korea July 2024 – Dec 2024

- Developed a vision-guided tissue processing system using **ViperX robotic arms** and the Action Chunking Transformer (ACT) algorithm.
- Implemented a leader-follower teleoperation setup for data collection and trained ACT for autonomous manipulation of deformable materials.
- Achieved an autonomous operation success rate of 85.7%, with performance comparable to human teleoperation (92.4%).
- Engineered multi-modal datasets (joint angles, gripper states, synchronized RGB feeds) and designed transformer-based policies for action prediction.

**Researcher**, Physical Intelligence Lab – Kyungpook National University, South Korea Feb 2024 – Present

- Working on **state-space models (e.g., Mamba)** to improve sequential modeling and trajectory prediction for robotic manipulation tasks.
- Implementing **transformer-based** architectures to enhance robotic decision-making and adaptability in dynamic environments.
- Leading development of **precision motion planning algorithms** for robotic manipulators using advanced control strategies.
- Contributing to the collaborative design and optimization of robotic systems for both academic research and industrial deployment.

**Research Intern**, Physical Intelligence Lab – Kyungpook National University, South Korea

Sep 2022 – Feb 2024

- Developed imitation learning algorithms for robotic arms to replicate human-like behaviors.
- Designed and tested iterative learning control (ILC) combined with model predictive control (MPC) for high-accuracy tasks.
- Applied reinforcement learning techniques to differential drive robots to improve navigation and obstacle avoidance.
- Enhanced aerial robotics by refining detection and tracking algorithms for UAVs.

## Publications

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### **QROOT: An Integrated Diffusion Transformer and Reinforcement Learning Approach for Quadrupedal Locomotion**

Dec 2025

*Sai Navaneet*, Manisha Lingala, Sangmoon Lee, Ju H. Park

*To appear at NeurIPS 2025*

### **Vision-Guided Predictive Action Imitation Learning with Discrete Latent Encoding for Multitasking Robots**

Jun 2025

*Sai Navaneet*, Manisha Lingala, Sangmoon Lee

*Submitted to Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (EAAI)*

### **Discrete Latent Diffusion Motion Planning**

Jun 2025

*Sai Navaneet*, Manisha Lingala, Sangmoon Lee, Ju H. Park

*Published at The International Conference on Nonlinear Dynamics (NODYCON 2025)*

### **Vision-Guided Imitation Learning Using Action Chunk Transformers**

Oct 2024

*Sai Navaneet*, Manisha Lingala, Sangmoon Lee, Hongseok Yoo

*Published at IEMEK Symposium on Embedded Technology 2024 (IEMEK 2024)*

### **Hybrid Model Predictive and Iterative Learning Control for Enhanced Leader-Follower Robotic Tracking**

May 2024

*Sai Navaneet*, Sangmoon Lee

*Published at KNU-EERC 2024*

## Projects

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### **Transformer Based Vision Guided Tissue Processing**

[github.com/Harvesting](https://github.com/Harvesting)

- Developed an automation of tissue packing using ViperX robotic arms

### **Action Chunk Transfomer on Franka Robot**

[github.com/ActFranka](https://github.com/ActFranka)

- Implemented Act on Franka robot to do vision guided imitaion learnign on pick and place tasks

### **QROOT: An Integrated Diffusion Transformer and Reinforcement Learning Approach for Quadrupedal Locomotion**

- Introduced a control stack that combines diffusion transformer with a reinforcement learning-based stabilizer(PPO), enabling smooth and robust execution on real-world hardware

### **Vision-Guided Predictive Action Imitation Learning with Discrete Latent Encoding for Multitasking Robots**

[github.com/PAIL](https://github.com/PAIL)

- Introduced a control stack that combines diffusion transformer with a reinforcement learning-based stabilizer(PPO), enabling smooth and robust execution on real-world hardware

## Technologies

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**Languages:** Python, C++, HTML, CSS

**Technologies:** ROS, Gazebo , Mujoco , Isaac Sim , Pytorch ,LINUX(UBUNTU , ARCH , KALI , REDHAT)