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# Education

B.Tech in Electrical and Electronics Engineering

02/2017 - Present

Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore Current CGPA (6 semesters): 8.40

Class 12 Board Examination (CBSE): 94.2%

2017

Summer Fields School, New Delhi

Class 10 Board Examination (CBSE): 10 CGPA

Summer Fields School, New Delhi

2015

# Research Interests

• Cryptography

• Artifical Intelligence

• Quantum Computing

• Computer Vision

• Reinforcement Learning

Astrophysics

• Socket Programming

• Genetic Algorithms

# **Technical Skills**

• Microcontroller – Arduino, Raspberry Pi, 8051 Assembler, Nexys4 DDR Artix-7 FPGA, NVIDIA Jetson Nano

• Programming Languages – Python, C/C++, Java, Javascript, Assembly, Verilog, CUDA

 $\bullet \ \mathbf{Mathematical} \ \mathbf{Packages} - \mathbf{MATLAB}, \ \mathbf{R} \\$ 

• Typesetting Software – LATEX

• Other – TensorFlow, Keras, OpenAI Gym, NumPy, Qiskit

# **Publications**

1. Bhowmik, A. and Menon, U. (2020a). Dragon crypto – an innovative cryptosystem. *International Journal of Computer Applications*, 176(29):37–41

2. Bhowmik, A. and Menon, U. (2020b). Enhancing the ntru cryptosystem. *International Journal of Computer Applications*, 176(29):46–53

# Extracurricular

Technical Advisory Board

02/2020 - Present

roboVITics, the official robotics club of VIT

Technical Head of Electrical Department roboVITics, the official robotics club of VIT

02/2019 - 02/2020

High Power Circuit Designer

07/2018 - 01/2020

Team Orcus.

Designed a 120 lbs combat robot that has performed well in international Robo Wars.

- Finished in top 7 internationally at RoboWars, TechFest'18, IIT Bombay
- Secured third position in RoboWars, Kurukshetra'19, Anna University

#### Core-Committee Member

12/2017 - 02/2019

roboVITics, the official robotics club of VIT

• Successfully completed multiple robotics projects involving Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence, IoT etc.

# Achievements

### Winner of HackerTech 2019

12/2019

Secured First Position in this 24 hr long Hackathon where I worked on project SPARC (Smart Power Allocation using Reinforced Clusters).

#### Winner of VIT Hack 2019

09/2019

Won VITHack organized by VIT University in collaboration with Honeywell

#### Access Denied Hackathon 2019

03/2019

Got Special Mention price in Logistics and Transportation from GitHub.

### Winner of Developer's Sprint of Code Hackathon by CodeChef

02/2019

Secured the First Position in this 36 hour Hackathon. I worked on the hardware and a facial emotion recognizer for an electoral system that eliminates majority of the problems in the existing system

### Quora Top Writer 2018

01/2018

Got the coveted Top Writer's Quill on my Quora profile for writing quality technical content. Got New York Time's subscription and a t-shirt as a reward from Quora

# 6 NEO Observations (All India Asteroid Search Campaign)

2016

Used Astrometrica to detect potential celestial objects and ended up spotting 6 Near Earth Objects.

# Personal Projects

03/2020 - 04/2020

#### Self learning Quadruped

• Augmented Random Search Algorithm based AI that teaches a robotic quadruped to walk.

01/2020 - 02/2020

#### Sudoku Vision

• An application that can detect sudoku puzzles placed in front of a camera and solves them in real time automatically.

09/2019 - 10/2019

#### Path Prediction for Smart Vehicles

• A Path Prediction Algorithm which forecasts future path taken using RNN-LSTMs and on top of that optimizes the predicted trajectory using Deep Q-Learning Algorithm.

08/2019 -Present

#### Riff-Raff Encryption

• Decimal (Negative/Positive, Unranged) Encryption for Unbreakable, Impenetrable Security. (Patent Pending)

12/2018 - 02/2019

#### Self Learning Crawler

• This bot combines the Q Learning algorithm with a robotic arm to come up with an optimum policy for moving forward

05/2019 - 12/2019

#### RSA Encrypted Password Online Storage

• This code can be used to save your passwords or other confidential data remotely to a server with a layer of RSA encryption (coded from scratch) without any worries of it getting hacked.

02/2019 - 02/2019

#### Comprehensive Electoral Solution Suite

• Secured First Position in DEVSOC'19

01/2019 - 02/2019

#### Prepaid Energy Credits based Power Distribution System

• Machine learning based algorithm for predicting power usage in a common household.

10/2018 -Present

### Al Development for Video Games

• Deployed genetic algorithms and other advanced reinforcement learning algorithms in various Video Game environments like Super Mario, Pacman, Snakes, Flappy Birds etc.

05/2018 - 06/2018

#### TensorFlow ChatBot

• An RNN and LSTM based Chatbot that responds well to meaningful queries.

02/2018 - 04/2018

#### Autonomous Rubik's Cube Solver

• Developed an algorithm in under 800 lines of C++ code that predicts the correct moves to solve a scrambled  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  Rubik's Cube.

# References

#### Awnon Bhowmik, College Laboratory Technician

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