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Education

PhD in Computer Science, *Jan 2020 - Present*
Research Topic: Developing ML methods for fine-grained air quality inference and active station deployment.
Advisor: Nipun Batra
CGPA: 9.59/10.0
IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India

M.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering (Specialization: Smart Manufacturing), *Aug 2017 - May 2019*
CGPA: 9.17/10.0
IIITDM Kancheepuram, Chennai, India

B.E. in Mechanical Engineering, *Aug 2013 - May 2017*
CGPA: 7.52/10.0
Kadi Sarva Vishwavidyalaya, Gandhinagar, India

Publications (Google Scholar profile)

Selected Peer-reviewed articles

1. **Zeel B Patel**, Palak Purohit, Harsh Patel, Shivam Sahni, Nipun Batra
   Accurate and Scalable Gaussian Processes for Fine-grained Air Quality Inference
   To appear: AAAI 2022 (CORE A*)
   GitHub repo: https://github.com/patel-zeel/AAAI22
2. Rishiraj Adhikary, **Zeel B Patel**, Tanmay Srivasatava, Nipun Batra, Mayank Singh, Udit Bhatia
   Vartalaap: What Drives #AirQuality Discussions: Politics, Pollution or Pseudo-science?
   CSCW 2021 (CORE A)
   GitHub repo: https://github.com/rishi-a/Vartalaap
3. Karm Patel, Rishiraj Adhikary, **Zeel B Patel**, Nipun Batra
   Samachar: News Media on Air Pollution in India
   COMPASS 2022
   GitHub repo: https://github.com/karm-patel/Samachar-News-media-on-air-pollution

Posters and Workshop papers

1. **Zeel B Patel**, Nipun Batra
   Towards Active Air Quality Station Deployment
   SubSetML Workshop, ICML 2021 (CORE A*)
2. **Zeel B Patel***, S Deepak Narayanan*, Apoorv Agnihotri, Nipun Batra
   Poster: A toolkit for spatial interpolation and sensor placement
   ACM SenSys 2020 (CORE A*)
   GitHub repo: https://github.com/sustainability-lab/polire
3. **Zeel B Patel**, Nipun Batra
   Active Learning: A Visual Tour
   3rd Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability, IEEE VIS 2020 (CORE A)
   Weblink: https://patel-zeel.github.io/active-learning-visualization/

Under submission

1. Palak Purohit, **Zeel B Patel**, Nipun Batra
   Re: Stochastic Gradient Descent in Correlated Settings: A Study on Gaussian Processes
   ReScience Journal

2. **Zeel B Patel**, Deepak Narayanan, Apoorv Agnihotri, Nipun Batra
   Re: Comparison of spatial interpolation methods for the estimation of air quality data
   ReScience Journal
3. **Zeel B Patel**, Nipun Batra
   Re: high-resolution daily gridded meteorological dataset for Serbia made by random forest spatial interpolation
   ReScience Journal

Internships

Google Summer of Code *Jun 2022 - Sep 2022*
Organization: TensorFlow
Mentor: Kevin P Murphy
Project (link attached): Develop JAX examples and demos for an ML upcoming textbook
GitHub repo: https://github.com/probml/pyprobml

Major Open Source Contributions

Stheno: https://github.com/wesselb/stheno

- Added a sparse Gaussian process method called FITC[1]
  https://github.com/wesselb/stheno/pull/17

GPyTorch: https://github.com/cornellius-gp/gpytorch

- Added metrics module to GPyTorch
  https://github.com/cornellius-gp/gpytorch/pull/1870
- Added Type hints and exceptions in kernels
  https://github.com/cornellius-gp/gpytorch/pull/1802

Scikit-learn: https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn

- Accelerated a slow example in scikit-learn
  https://github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn/pull/21673

PyMC: https://github.com/pymc-devs/pymc

- Added a few distribution moments to pymc
  https://github.com/pymc-devs/pymc/pull/5173
  https://github.com/pymc-devs/pymc/pull/5154
- Corrected formula (added missing log)
  https://github.com/pymc-devs/pymc-examples/pull/64

Online Books

Code-First-ML: https://code-first-ml.github.io/
This book is a joint effort with my advisor and Prof. Ashish Tendulkar to pragmatically explain ML concepts with interactive codes and visualizations. Currently, we are refactoring it as a mirror copy of probabilistic machine learning book by Dr. Kevin Murphy.

Awards

Registration grants

AAAI 2022
ICML 2021
IEEE VIS 2020

Helped advisor with

Google Compute grant 2021 ($ 5000 credits in Google Cloud Platform)

[1] Edward Snelson and Zoubin Ghahramani. Sparse Gaussian processes using pseudo-inputs. In Y. Weiss, B. Schölkopf, and J. Platt,editors,Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, volume 18. MIT Press, 2006

Industrial Experience

Data Scientist in R&D team *Jun 2019 - Dec 2019*
Inspirisys Solutions Ltd., Chennai, India

Teaching Experience

Guest lectures

Introduction to Active Learning
Ubiquitous computing, IIT Gandhinagar *Fall 2021*

Introduction to Bayesian Machine Learning
Machine Learning, IIT Gandhinagar *Spring 2021*

Teaching Assistant

Machine Learning
IIT Gandhinagar *Spring 2022*

Service

Reviewer

- The ReScience C journal
- ACM COMPASS Posters and Demos *2021*