Aman Goyal

EDUCATION

National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering

Kurukshetra, India July 2017 – June 2021

Publications

- PC2L: PCA Continual Learning
 Sima Behpour, Pooya Behpour, Aman Goyal, Richard Kang, Min Xu.
 Under Review at Top Tier Conference (Level: A1)
- Detecting, Tracking and Counting Motorcycle Rider Traffic Violations on Unconstrained Roads
 Aman Goyal*, Dev Agarwal*, Anbumani Subramanian, C. V. Jawahar, Ravi Kiran, Rohit Saluja.
 Accepted in CVPR Workshop (UG2+ challenge)
 *indicates equal contribution
- Multimodal Emotion Recognition in Polish.
 Kritika Rupaulhia, Aman Goyal, Aman Saini, Akshay Shukla, Sridhar Swaminathan.
 Published in IEEE International Conference on Multimedia Big Data (BigMM), 2020, New Delhi, India

Research Experience

Research Intern

Xulab, Carnegie Mellon University

Applied Research Fellow, Mobility Group

June 2021 – November 2021 Pittsburgh, USA

- Worked under the guidance of Prof. Min Xu and Dr. Sima Behpour on projects based on continual learning.
 - Formulated and implemented a novel regularization based approach for continual learning which uses principal vectors to reconstruct the orthogonal projection matrix.
 - This technique extracts only the essential gradient directions, which enhances learning as well as reduces inference.
 - Implemented several state-of-the-art methods such as *Dynamically Expandable Networks*, *Orthogonal Weight Modification* and *Layerwise Optimization by Gradient Decomposition* across various datasets and environments
 - Our work is currently under review at a top tier conference (level: A1).

Optimization and Trustworthy ML Group, Michigan State University September 2021 – Present Research Intern East Lansing, USA

- Working with Prof. Sijia Liu on compression of object detection and tracking models for autonomous vehicles.
- Implemented a lightweight detection and tracking backbone for integration with state-of-the-art method QDTrack.
- Achieved a 30% increase in accuracy and a 60-fold reduction in size as compared to the *QDTrack* model variants with *Resnet-50* and *Resnet-101* backbones. All models were trained on *BDD100K Detection* dataset.
- Developed a lightweight backbone using feature-based knowledge distillation technique with Resnet-50 as teacher network. The knowledge transfer took place on BDD100K Detection dataset.

Centre for Visual Information Technology, IIIT Hyderabad

February 2021 – September 2021 Hyderabad, India

- Worked under the guidance of Prof. Anbumani Subramanian, Prof. Ravi Kiran and Prof. C. V. Jawahar on a novel solution to detect helmet and triple riding violations on unconstrained roads.
- Designed and implemented a pre-processing pipeline for the Indian Driving Dataset. Additionally, I fixed a bug in the IDD dataset and contributed the codebase of the pipeline's various components, due to which I was provided the access to upload it to IDD github repository.
- Developed a helmet violation detection solution intended to be used for road surveillance by the patrolling vehicles. It is based on YOLOv4 model and achieves an mAP of 87%.
- Proposed a novel solution to detect and track triple riding violations using a trapezium regressor. For regressing the trapezium, the center and various offset coordinates were taken into account. The trapezium shaped bounding boxes were constructed over the rider-motorcycle instances, ensuring minimal overlapping. An IoU based counting algorithm was used for counting riders in the bounding box. We achieved 85% precision on a diversified test set.
- Our work was accepted at CVPR Workshop (UG2+ challenge).
- A patent is also being filed for our novel trapezium bounding box technique.

May 2019 - June 2019 Research Intern New Delhi, India

• Worked under the guidance of Dr. Sridhar Swaminathan on a multimodal human emotion recognition system.

- Developed emotion recognition solution through LSTM based classifier for body language, facial landmark detection using OpenCV library and Library for audio modality. Additionally, deployed the model as an Android app for real-time emotion recognition. It achieved an accuracy of 95%.
- Our work was accepted and published in IEEE BigMM 2020.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Navan Technologies

January 2020 - August 2020

Deep Learning and Computer Vision Intern

New Delhi, India

- Developed and deployed a cost efficient real-time traffic light recognition solution which reduced the organization's expenditure on data annotation by 2.5 times.
- Worked on several tasks, including vehicle pose estimation, vehicle-camera distance estimation, and 2d-map vehicle trajectory estimation, all of which contributed to the development of the ADAS-based project's proof-of-concept, which was patented and deployed by Dubai police at driving test yards throughout the UAE.
- Spearheaded and developed several multiple deep learning projects and pipelines such as yard segmentation, lane occlusion recognition, overloaded vehicle recognition and others.

Omdena May 2020 - June 2020

Machine Learning Engineer

Remote

- Led a team of 10 collaborators for analysis and visualization of data gathered from Google trends for various domestic violence related terms on 10 Indian languages.
- Successful in influencing the Ministry of Affairs to prioritize domestic violence and issue guidelines due to the various insights gathered by the team, which were representative of various socioeconomic classes.

NIT Kurukshetra August 2020 - December 2020

Teaching Assistant

Kurukshetra, India

• Taught several machine learning concepts to 240 students during the semester as part of the course content. Also conducted various lab sessions and prepared it's assignments.

Projects

Intrusion Detection in Low Light Scenarios | Computer Vision

• Developed a video surveillance based solution for low light scenarios as a capstone project. Low-light images were processed using stacking and averaging techniques, detection of intruders and their firearms using YOLOv4 based model, HRNet for intruder pose estimation, and the Viola-Jones algorithm for intruder face recognition.

Vehicle Parking Occupancy Detection | Computer Vision

• Proposed a parking occupancy status detection solution using YOLOv3 model, homography estimation and Point Polygon Test. Also wrote a detailed blog on it

Deep Learning based COVID-19 classifier | Deep Learning

• Developed an easily deployable COVID-19 classifier which performs binary classification on X-ray images. Achieved an accuracy of 99% on the *MobileNet* model with a training set of just 50 images.

Image Denoising with Autoencoders | Deep Learning

• Performed image denoising over Olivetti Faces Dataset using Convolutional Autoencoders.

QuickDraw - Image Recognition | Deep Learning

• Implemented a CNN based image recognition tool which classifies images across 15 categories. It was inspired by Google's Quick Draw.

Sujhav - Faculty Feedback App | Mobile App Development

• Developed and deployed a Flutter based Android app with Firebase as backend. It's use was mandated by college authorities and it aims to provide an open and transparent feedback platform for all students in the college.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, C, Java, Bash

Frameworks and Libraries: Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, OpenCV, NumPy, Scikit-Learn, Android Studio

Tools: Git, GCP, Docker, MySQL, LATEX, HTML

Relevant Coursework

Artificial Intelligence: Deep Learning, Image Processing, Soft Computing, Automata Theory

Systems: Digitial System Design, Database Systems, Computer Networks, Operating Systems, Distributed Computing

Algorithms: Advanced Data Structures, C Programming, Principles of Programming Languages

Mathematics: Differential Calculus and Equations, Integral Calculus and Difference Equations, Discrete Mathematics

ACHIEVEMENTS

- OpenCV AI Competition 2021: Spearheaded team which was shortlisted as Finalists among 1600 applicant teams across the world for the proposing a visually impaired assistance solution.
- EYRC-2019: Led college team to the semi-finals in Eyantra 2019 competition. The project was based on application of drones in rescue and search operations.
- Google AI Explore ML Program: Selected as Google AI Explore ML Facilitator among 10k+ applicants across India.
- Hackshetra 2019: Finished among top 8 teams from a total of 50 teams. Inspired by the happenings around various universities in India, including mine, the proposed solution was an *LSTM* based therapeutic AI chatbot mobile application which could converse and make the depressed users feel better.
- Bennett University Hackathon: Finished among top 4 teams from a total of 52 teams for our multimodal emotion recognition project at Bennett University.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

- Google AI Explore ML Program: Successfully conducted and taught in 10 Deep Learning sessions. These were attended by 200+ students from various backgrounds across the university.
- Computer Vision Webinars: Tutored 50+ students in various webinars held during the pandemic's initial lockdown phase on deep learning concepts such as LSTM, Autoencoders, and Image Captioning.
- KAIR: Founded the first ever AI research club of the institute Kurukshetra AI Research Club.
- Innovation Club: Founding member of NIT Kurukshetra's Official Innovation Club.