# nish Nethi

#### **EDUCATION**

# The University of Texas at Austin

Aug 2024 - Present

Master of Science in Computer Science

Focus Areas: Software Development, AI/ML, Computer Vision, Data Science

Mahindra University, École Centrale School of Engineering

Aug 2020 - Jun 2024 Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering CGPA: 8.84/10.0, Rank: 5/214

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C/C++, MATLAB, HTML, CSS

Tools & Frameworks: Jupyter, Visual Studio, Tensorflow, MySQL, OpenCV, PyTorch, Hadoop, Spark, Figma, Latex, &

EXPERIENCE

# The University of Texas at Austin, Teaching Assistant

Aug 2024 - Present

• Mentored students on the core concepts of Discrete Mathematics, offering tailored support to improve their understanding and confidence

### Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Research Assistant

• Focused on improving the precision of eye tracking in VR setups through work in differentiating saccades and fixations to generate accurate and natural scanpaths in the space-time domain

# Damage in Materials and Structures Lab - Arizona State University, Research Intern

May 2023 - Jun 2024

• Researched and implemented Deep Learning and Machine Learning techniques to enhance the accuracy of road marking classification by integrating textural elements, with a maximum accuracy improvement of up to 20%

# AlgoFnO, Machine Learning Intern

Dec 2022 - Mar 2023

• Reduced the size of a time-series dataset from (1236760 x 7) to (41281 x 18) using PCA and t-SNE on sliding-window engineered features while keeping the margin of error around 2% with the help of the TSFresh library

## Mahindra University, Research Assistant

Oct 2022 - Oct 2023

• Preprocessed and featurized time-series data converting it to a regression problem to predict volcano eruption time using various regression algorithms, resulting in accuracy improvement from 58% to 84%

### National University of Singapore, Academic Intern

Jun 2022 - Jul 2022

• Led end-to-end BMI Classification project using CNNs like VGG16 and Xception, with web-scraping APIs for data gathering and methods like data augmentation, instance segmentation, and denoising for preprocessing

#### **PROJECTS**

# Predicting Naturalistic Eye Scanpaths from Saliency Maps: Spatial and Temporal Modeling of Eye Movement Behavior

Jul 2023 - Jul 2024

A solution for predicting the natural path an eye would trace when viewing a scene, simulating a person's gaze • Gathered and preprocessed scanpath data to generate a high-frequency (90 Hz) dataset capturing the subtle dynamics of saccades and fixations

• Developed and trained mathematical models to generate realistic scanpath sequences by calculating distances from the initial coordinate, incorporating distinct considerations for fixation durations, saccadic speeds, and transition times between coordinates

#### **Cohesive Group Emotion Recognition**

Jan 2023 - Jun 2023

A DL solution for predicting the combined emotion of a group based on individual emotional features

- Employed pre-trained models such as YOLOv3 for face detection and extraction, and DeepFace for emotion recognition on individual faces; combined individual emotions through majority vote and average emotion aggregation
- Evaluated performance using Correlation, Cross-Entropy, and Top-n accuracy, achieving a final top-2 accuracy of 90.32%

### BMI Prediction for Full Body Images using PoseNet Embeddings

Jun 2022 - Jul 2022

A solution that uses ML and DL to classify a person on BMI based solely on full-body images

- Web-scraped full-body images and implemented quantization, segmentation, and custom Deep Learning models for data preprocessing and a pre-trained PoseNet model for feature extraction
- Trained and compared over 40 regression models based on Adjusted R-squared, RMSE, and run-time

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

## **NVIDIA Student Ambassador**

Jan 2023

• Co-founded the first NVIDIA Student Ambassador Program in India, led the Computer Vision division to organize hackathons and conduct workshops across multiple colleges

#### Best Presenter Award

Sep 2023

• Received the Best Presenter Award at ICETCI-23

#### Academic Scholarship Recipient

Jan 2023, Oct 2023

• Received academic scholarship worth \$2500 by Mahindra University for the academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

\* Presented & Published 4 research papers at international conferences - available on Google Scholar \*