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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Semi-supervised learning, domain adaptation, document understanding, object detection, fine-grained recognition.

EDUCATION University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2013–2020)

MS-PhD in Computer Science

Thesis: Improving Visual Recognition With Unlabeled Data.

Advisor: Erik Learned-Miller.

Committee: Liangliang Cao, Subhransu Maji, David Huber.

West Bengal University of Technology, India (2009–2013)

- B.Tech from Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata

PROJECTS & EXPERIENCE

Amazon Web Services (AWS), Applied Scientist II

- Apr. 2020 - current: researcher in the Textract team.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Graduate Research Assistant

- Sep. 2018 Dec. 2019: DARPA Lifelong Learning Machines (L2M) project.
- Sep. 2014 Aug. 2018: Face recognition project under IARPA's Janus program.

Media Analytics, NEC Labs America, Summer Research Assistant

 May-Aug., 2019: Deep face recognition using unlabeled data. Mentors: Xiang Yu, Kihyuk Sohn and Manmohan Chandraker.

The Mathworks, Inc., Computer Vision Intern

- May-Aug., 2017: Developing object detection modules for the Computer Vision Toolbox. Mentor: Birju Patel.
- Jun.-Aug., 2014: Face recognition in MATLAB. Mentor: Dima Lisin.

Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, Research Intern

Dec., 2011 - Jul., 2013: Scene text detection and online handwriting recognition.
Mentors: Ujjwal Bhattacharya and Swapan K Parui.

Variable Energy Cyclotron Center, Dept. of Atomic Energy (India), Intern

- Jun.-Jul., 2012: Analysis of event data using Map-Reduce. Mentor: Amitava Ray.

PUBLICATIONS

According to Google Scholar, as of Dec 2 2020 my papers have been cited 1846 times with an h-index of 10. Please check Google Scholar for the latest numbers.

Matheus Gadelha*, Aruni RoyChowdhury*, Gopal Sharma, Subhransu Maji, Rui Wang, Evangelos Kalogerakis, Liangliang Cao and Erik Learned-Miller. Labelefficient Learning on Point Clouds using Approximate Convex Decompositions. European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2020.

- 2. Aruni RoyChowdhury, Xiang Yu, Kihyuk Sohn, Erik Learned-Miller and Manmohan Chandraker. *Improving Face Recognition by Clustering Unlabeled Faces in the Wild.* European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2020.
- 3. Aruni RoyChowdhury, Prithvijit Chakrabarty, Ashish Singh, SouYoung Jin, Huaizu Jiang, Liangliang Cao and Erik Learned-Miller. *Automatic adaptation of object detectors to new domains using self-training*. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2019.
- 4. SouYoung Jin*, Aruni RoyChowdhury*, Huaizu Jiang, Ashish Singh, Aditya Prasad, Deep Chakraborty and Erik Learned-Miller. *Unsupervised Hard Example Mining from Videos for Improved Object Detection*. European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2018.
- Pia Bideau, Aruni RoyChowdhury, Rakesh Menon and Erik Learned-Miller. The Best of Both Worlds: Combining CNNs and geometric constraints for hierarchical motion segmentation. Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2018.
- Aruni RoyChowdhury, Prakhar Sharma and Erik Learned-Miller. Reducing Duplicate Filters in Deep Neural Networks. NIPS workshop on Deep Learning: Bridging Theory and Practice (DLTP), 2017.
- 7. Tsung Yu Lin, Aruni RoyChowdhury, Subhransu Maji. *Bilinear CNNs for Fine-grained Visual Recognition*. IEEE Transactions of Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence (PAMI), 2017.
- 8. Aruni RoyChowdhury, Daniel Sheldon, Subhransu Maji and Erik Learned-Miller. *Distinguishing Weather Phenomena from Bird Migration Patterns in Radar Imagery*. CVPR workshop on Perception Beyond the Visual Spectrum (PBVS), 2016.
- Aruni RoyChowdhury, Tsung-Yu Lin, Subhransu Maji and Erik Learned-Miller. One-to-many face recognition with bilinear CNNs. Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2016.
- E Learned-Miller, G Huang, Aruni RoyChowdhury, H Li, G Hua. Labeled Faces in the Wild: A Survey. Advances in Face Detection and Facial Image Analysis, Springer Heidelberg, 2016 [invited book chapter].
- Tsung-Yu Lin, Aruni RoyChowdhury and Subhransu Maji. Bilinear CNN Models for Fine-grained Visual Recognition. International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2015 [oral].
- 12. D Dutta, A Roy Chowdhury, U Bhattacharya, SK Parui. Stroke level user-adaptation for stroke order free online handwriting recognition. International Conference on Frontiers in Handwriting Recognition (ICFHR), 2014.
- 13. D Dutta, A Roy Chowdhury, U Bhattacharya, SK Parui. *Building a Personal Handwriting Recognizer on an Android Device*. International Conference on Frontiers in Handwriting Recognition (ICFHR), 2012.
- 14. A Roy Chowdhury, U Bhattacharya, SK Parui. Scene text detection using sparse stroke information and MLP. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2012.
- 15. A Roy Chowdhury, U Bhattacharya, SK Parui. *Text detection of two major Indian scripts in natural scene images*. ICDAR Workshop on Camera-Based Document Analysis and Recognition (CBDAR), 2011.

PATENTS

1. Xiang Yu, Manmohan Chandraker, Kihyuk Sohn, Aruni RoyChowdhury. *Deep Face Recognition based on Clustering over Unlabeled Face Data.* (pending)

Professional Service

- Reviewing:

- Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.
- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2019.
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020.
- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2018.
- Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2021.
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI).
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP).
- Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU).
- The Visual Computer (TVC), Springer.
- IEEE Access.

- Public benchmark:

- Maintaining the Face Detection Data Set and Benchmark (FDDB), used as a standard dataset for face detection by the computer vision research community.

MISC. AWARDS & GRANTS

- Outstanding Reviewer Award (CVPR 2019)
- Doctoral Consortium and travel award for the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2019 in Seoul, Korea.
- UMass CICS Departmental travel grants for ICCV 2019 and CVPR 2019.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Fall	2019	Teaching Assistant, CS 670: Graduate Computer Vision
Fall	2016	Guest lecture in Computer Vision, Boston College
Summer	r 2015	Student Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant, CS 121: Introduction to Computing Fall 2013 Teaching Assistant, CS 121: Introduction to Computing

SOFTWARE

Proficient: PyTorch, MatConvNet.

LIBRARIES Intermediate: Caffe.