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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India

Major in Electrical Engineering with Minor in Cognitive Science Aug. '16 - Jun. '20 (Expected)

GPA: 8.84/10.0 (Five Semesters)

Munam Public School, Hazaribagh, India

Intermediate

Percentage: 91.2% April 2016

DAV Public School, Hazaribagh, India

Matriculation

GPA: 10.0/10.0 April 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Vishal Choudhary, Shashi Kant Gupta, Shaohui Foong, Hock Beng Lim "Distance Measurement for UAVs in Deep Hazardous Tunnels", Demo Paper accepted at IEEE Consumer Communications & Networking Conference (2019 IEEE CCNC), Las Vegas, USA

HONORS

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected for a Summer Internship at SUTD Singapore in the second year (2018)
- Received Academic Excellence Award twice for outstanding academic performance (awarded to top 7% of students in the institute) for the year 2016 and 2016-17
- Only first year student to be selected to deliver a campus level lecture (on ROS) during summer '17
- Won **3rd prize** in Techkriti Innovation Challenge, conducted by Techkriti IIT Kanpur (2017).
- 99.89 percentile in Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE 2016) among 1.5 million students.
- Secured All India Rank 842 in KVPY 2015, a fellowship exam conducted by IISc Bangalore and funded by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India

INTERESTS

Artificial Intelligence • Cognitive Science • Computer Vision • Machine Learning • Robotics • Signal Processing

RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE**

How Close are Artificial Neural Networks to the Brain?

Sep. '18 - Ongoing [Pres.] [Report]

CS771A - Machine Learning, Prof Piyush Rai, IIT Kanpur

- Studied different types of ANN models to compare their structure and performance to realise their biological resemblance to the processing in the brain
- Trained several neural network models on MNIST dataset for empirical evaluation. Achieved an accuracy of 99.60% using a CNN architecture and 99.38% using an RNN architecture
- Tried explaining how a rate based neuron in conventional NN can be realised as spiking neuron in SNN
- Working on a more biologically plausible Deep Learning model (in progress)

Optical Flow for Localisation of UAVs in Deep Tunnel

Jun. '18 - Jul. '18

Summer Internship, Dr Hock Beng Lim, Centre for Smart System, SUTD Singapore

- Worked on the Optical Flow algorithm based on SAD block matching to determine UAV position in deep tunnels i.e. GPS denied environment (coded in python, for actual prototype **PX4FLOW** was used)
- Developed a self-prediction based algorithm to correct the errors in inconsistent flow calculation
- Performed various experiments to collect data samples to measure and analyse performance
- Worked on implementing Extended Kalman Filter to use acceleration data to improve accuracy
- Demo Paper accepted at IEEE Consumer Communications & Networking Conference, Las Vegas, USA

Humanoid IITK Dec. '16 - Ongoing

Team Member, Dean of Research and Development Project, IIT Kanpur Faculty Advisor (Jul. '18 Onwards) - Dr Ashish Dutta, IIT Kanpur

[Video]

- Helped the team in designing and developing the Institute's first Humanoid Robot (AUTOMI)
- Worked on developing the bipedal walking algorithm, designed a MATLAB simulation for the same
- Worked on Object Tracking using various computer vision algorithms in OpenCV

OTHER RELEVANT PROJECTS

Role of Emotional Valence on Sense of Agency

Dec. '18 - Ongoing

Prof Devpriya Kumar, Center for Cognitive Science, IIT Kanpur

Studying the influence of emotional valence of an action outcome on sense of agency

Real Time Human Facial Emotion Recognition Self Project

Nov. '18 - Ongoing [Video] [Code]

Extracts human faces (using OpenCV haar-cascade/ dnn based classifier) from a camera stream and classifies them into 7 different moods i.e. Angry, Disgust, Fear, Happy, Sad, Surprise and Neutral

CNN classifier (with ensemble) was designed, which was trained on the ICML 2013 dataset of Facial Expression Recognition Challenge on kaggle to achieve an accuracy of ~65.34% on the private test data

Cooperative Localization Using Posterior Linearization Belief Propagation

EE602A – Statistical Signal Processing, Prof R. M. Hegde, IIT Kanpur

Sep. '18 – Nov '18 [Code] [Report]

- Implementation of a research paper, which presents the **PLBP** algorithm for cooperative localization
- Learned about and implemented Statistical Linear Regression using **unscented transform** on a chosen sets of **sigma points** to linearise the proposed non-linear model.
- Implemented the **Belief Propagation** algorithm to infer the marginals for different sensor nodes.

Achieving CRLB in Sensor Network Estimation

Sep. '18 - Nov '18

EE602A – Statistical Signal Processing, Prof R. M. Hegde, IIT Kanpur

[Code]

- Implementation of a research paper, which proposes a general framework to achieve CRLB bounds
- Successfuly implemented the proposed method in MATLAB to produce the results

PixhawkArduinoMAVLink

Jun. '18

Self Project

[Code]

- Developed an Open Source Arduino library to communicate between Pixhawk and Arduino
- Used **MAVLink** messaging protocol to create the communication

SL-COM (Sign Language Communication)

Mar. '17

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Apr. '17 - Mar. '18

Apr. '17 - Mar. '18

Aug. '17 - Jul. '18

Aug. '16 - May. '17

Robotics Club, IIT Kanpur

- Patterns were generated using different hand gestures to produce different letters
- Produced letters were sent to a Chat-App, were a text2speech engine produces voices for the words
- Demonstrated the prototype in Techkriti Innovation Challenge and was awarded the 3rd prize

RELEVANT COURSES

Machine Learning and Computer Vision

- Introduction to Machine Learning
- CNN for Visual Recognition (Stanford AI) [#]
- Computer Vision: Foundations and Applications (Stanford AI) [#]

- **Signal Processing**
- Statistical Signal Processing

Signals, Systems And Networks

Cognitive Science

* - Exceptional Performance

- Foundation of Cognitive Science
- Synapses, Neurons and Brains (Coursera) [#][!]
- Computational Cognitive Science [!]
- Neuronal Dynamics (Prof Gerstner) [#][!]

- Online (Audit)

Mathematics and Algorithms

- Data Structures & Algorithms
- Fundamental of Computing [*]

Secretary Robotics Club, IIT Kanpur

Secretary Fine Art Club, IIT Kanpur

Student Volunteer NSS, IIT Kanpur

Student Guide Counselling Service, IIT Kanpur

- Probability and Statistic
- Linear Algebra and ODE

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TECHNICAL SKILLS	Languages:	C • Python • Matlab • JavaScript	
	Software and Tools:	TensorFlow [Keras] • Brian (beginner) • OpenCV • NumPy • ROS (Robot OS) • Git • Arduino • HTML/CSS • Jekyll	
LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES	Student Volunteer PRAYAS, IIT Kanpur		Dec. '18 - Present
	Students Project Coordinator EEA, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur		Sep. '18 - Present
	Technical Head Humanoid IITK Team, IIT Kanpur		May. '18 – Nov '18
	UG Coordinator EEA, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur		Aug. '17 – Aug. '18

! - To Be Taken in Upcomming Semester (Jan '19)