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Current Research Interest

Computer Vision, Multi-modal learning, LLMs, Foundational models, Scene Understanding, Domain Adaptation, Person Re-ID

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, USA
Ph.D. in Computer Science (Advisor: Prof. Rama Chellappa)	2022 – $current$
Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, USA
M.S.E in Computer Science	2022 - 2024
Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani	Pilani, India
B.E. in Computer Science (GPA: 9.58/10)	2018 - 2022

EXPERIENCE

Research Intern	May 2024 - present
SRI International. Mentor: Dr. Anirban Roy	
Teaching Assistantship	Aug. $2023 - Dec. 2023$
Machine Perception, JHU. Mentor: Prof. Rama Chellappa	
Research Assistant	$May\ 2021 - June\ 2022$
CRCV Lab, University of Central Florida, Mentor: Dr. Yogesh S Rawat	
Research Intern	$May\ 2020-July\ 2020$
Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, ISRO. Mentor: Dr. Rekha Anandrao	

Publications

- Ayush Gupta, Rama Chellappa "You Can Run but not Hide: Improving Gait Recognition with Intrinsic Occlusion Type Awareness" WACV 2024 (Oral)
- Ayush Gupta, Rama Chellappa "MimicGait: A Model-Agnostic Approach for Occluded Gait Recognition using Correlational Knowledge Distillation" WACV 2025.
- Yuxiang Guo, Anshul Shah, Jiang Liu, *Ayush Gupta*, Cheng Peng, Rama Chellappa "GaitContour: Efficient Gait Recognition based on a Contour-Pose Representation" WACV 2025.
- Vuong Nguyen, Samiha Mirza, Abdollah Zakeri, Ayush Gupta, Rahma Aloui, Khadija Khaldi, Pranav Mantini, Shishir Shah, Fatima Merchant "Tackling Domain Shifts in Person Re-Identification: A Survey and Analysis" CVPR 2024 Continual Learning Workshop.
- Basudha Pal, Ayush Gupta, Vishal Patel "EchoSAM: Predicting Ejection Fraction using Segmentation Guided Vision Transformers" under submission.
- Ayush Gupta, Alexander Matasa, Shruti Vyas, Yogesh S Rawat "GaitZero: Temporal Self-similarity for Unsupervised Gait Recognition" under submission.
- Ayush Gupta*, Ashrya Agrawal*, Poonam Goyal, Navneet Goyal "Visually Guided Knowledge selection for Video Captioning" under submission.

Grounded visual question answering with Multimodal LLMs

SRI International

- Developed a framework for temporal grounding of complex QA pairs in unconstrained videos
- Focus on open-vocabulary question answering with temporal grounding abilities
- Utilized foundational vision encoders like CLIP and open source LLMs like Mistral and LLaMA

Biometrics Recognition and Identification at Altitude and Range (BRIAR)

IARPA program

- Implemented a multi-view gait recognition framework on turbulent data captured from upto 1000m
- Improved gait recognition under occlusion scenarios
- Fusing this approach with other modalities like face and body to identify subjects
- Algorithms integrated into deployable IARPA system pipeline

Undergraduate Thesis: Vision Based Gait Recognition

CRCV Lab, University of Central Florida

- Developed approaches for unsupervised gait recognition using RGB datasets like FVG and CASIA-B
- Utilized self-similarity matrices for capturing gait patterns using Transformers
- Implemented unsupervised contrastive learning losses to train the model

Natural Language Video Description Generation

ADAPT Lab, BITS Pilani

- Designed a framework for generating natural language descriptions of videos of real scenes
- Utilized external object detectors to extract generalized nouns for the caption
- Used external knowledge bases to supplement the captioning model with specialized versions of the nouns.

CLARIN COVID-19 Disinformation Hackathon

LT Group, Universität Hamburg

- Developed models for automatic fact-checking
- Used news crawling APIs and existing datasets like EUvsDisinfo and LIAR Plus to verify a claim.

Landcover Classification using Satellite Imaging

IIRS, ISRO

- Used Google Earth Engine to classify satellite image pixels into landcover categories
- Implemented the Spectral Angle Mapper, SVMs and K-Means learning algorithms

Transfer Learning in Semantic Segmentation for Autonomous Vehicles Course Project, Computer Vision

- Collected a dataset, JHUStreet, of street images from a car and pedestrian perspective around Baltimore.
- Trained and evaluated the DeepLabV3 model on the segmentation task on JHUStreet dataset.

Adversarial Attacks and Defences on CNNs

Course Project, Machine Perception

- Implemented FGSM, Noise and Carlini Wagner attacks on CNNs
- Implemented Adversarial training to defend against these attacks.

Reviewing Experience

CVPR 2024, NeurIPS 2024, WACV 2025

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Merit Scholarship for being in top 2% of students at BITS Pilani consistently since Aug. 2018
- Recipient of **DAAD-WISE 2021 scholarship** for a summer project in Universität Hamburg, Germany
- State Rank 1 in National Science and Talent Search Examination (NSTSE) 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C, Matlab, Java. Frameworks: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras.

Relevant Courseworks

Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Perception, Machine Intelligence, Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic, Digital Image Processing, Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer Programming, Probability and Statistics, Multi-Variable Calculus, Linear Algebra and Complex Analysis, Differential Equations, Database Systems, Object Oriented Programming

Volunteering

Project Lead: Participatory Community Development, Nirmaan Organization May 2019 - Dec. 2019

- Led a team of 10+ members for scouting infrastructural deficiencies in villages nearby Pilani
- Worked on building a rainwater harvesting system and a solar light in Baas Village.