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EDUCATION

2018 Expected	Bachelor of Technology, IIT KANPUR Major: <i>Electrical Engineering</i> Minor: <i>Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)</i> CPI: 9.8/10	2014	DAV Public School, Amritsar AISSCE, XII Board: 95/100 AISSE, X Board: 10/10
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ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2017 DEPARTMENTAL RANK 3 out of 140 undergraduates in Electrical Engineering.
- 2017 Awarded SRI SINGHASAN SINGH SCHOLARSHIP for highest CPI in Electrical Engineering, IIT Kanpur.
- 2017 Awarded A* for exceptional performance in six courses.
- 2017 Shortlisted for the prestigious RHODES SCHOLARSHIP by IIT Kanpur.
- 2017 Selected for the MITACS Globalink Research Internship.
- 2016 Awarded ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD by IIT Kanpur for the academic year 2015-16.
- 2016 Secured 63 rank in online round for ACM ICPC INDIA REGIONALS.
- 2016 Selected for TEXAS A&M-IITK SUMMER RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, only SOPHOMORE to accomplish this.
- 2015 Awarded ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD by IIT Kanpur for the academic year 2014-15.
- 2014 Secured ALL INDIA RANK 376 in JEE ADVANCED among 150,000 students.
- 2012 Secured FIRST POSITION in IX-X category in NASA AMES SPACE SETTLEMENT DESIGN CONTEST worldwide.
- 2010 Awarded NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP (NTSE) by Govt. of India.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- MAY-JUL 2016 | **RESEARCH INTERN at TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, USA**
Dr. Srinivas Shakkottai, Associate Professor, ECE Department
- Worked on analyzing the privacy of the user in DSRC enabled cars, which allows vehicle to vehicle/infrastructure communication.
 - Broke down 229 GB BSM DATASET from Ann Arbor, Michigan in 6 hours by processing on 20 cores of IBM's Ada Cluster, reducing from expected computation time of 4 days.
 - Successfully demonstrated the lack of privacy in Random ID Switching protocol by reconstructing car routes with 98.37% accuracy. Driving behaviour based protocols under test.
- MAY-JUL 2015 | **ANDROID APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT INTERN**
Hughes Systique, Gurgaon, India
- Worked on GoSURAKSHEIT, an android based application for women safety. Integrated the new FACEBOOK API for quick status updates containing custom message and user location in case of emergency.

PROJECTS

- JAN-APR 2017 | **VISUAL DIALOG**
Undergraduate Project under Dr. Vinay P. Namboodiri | [Github](#)
- Implemented encoder-decoder framework based deep learning models for **VISUAL DIALOG**, with the aim to answer sequence of questions based on an image.
 - Created a memory network based encoder for the input image, questions and the past conversation. The embeddings are fed into deep LSTM based decoder to generate the answers.
 - Also implemented a late fusion encoder. The performance for both the encoders was comparable to those reported in the original paper.
- MAR-APR 2017 | **GANS FOR SINGLE IMAGE DEHAZING**
Course Project for Visual Recognition under Dr. Vinay P. Namboodiri
- Following the implementation of pix2pix for image-to-image translation, designed a GAN based architecture for image dehazing. This was the first work to try dehazing images in a GAN based setup. Tested the effect of reweighting L1 and Adversarial loss. Stacking of generators was also explored as a part of this project.
 - Visually appealing results were obtained for 256x256 images, which were comparable to state-of-the-art techniques for dehazing images.

SEP-NOV 2016	VIDEO SUMMARIZATION <i>Course Project for Machine Learning under Dr. Piyush Rai Github</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented VSUMM, a <i>clustering based algorithm</i> using features extracted at frame level. Features tested upon include COLOR HISTOGRAMS and FC7 LAYER FEATURES of VGG16 architecture. Implemented a <i>deep learning model</i> using two opposite moving LSTM layers combined using a 1D CONVOLUTION layer. Implemented a custom version of VGRAPH and SIFT based algorithm.
Dec 2015	VISUAL QUESTION ANSWERING USING DEEP NEURAL NETS <i>under Dr. Vinay P. Namboodiri Github</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implemented a <i>deep learning model</i> for VQA Dataset. Used the VGG16 ARCHITECTURE to extract visual features. WORD2VEC was used to convert questions to into word vectors, which are fed into a LSTM network. The results are combined using a fully connected MLP, giving a softmax distribution over 1000 most frequent answers.
MAY 2016	TAGGED LOCATION DATA COLLECTION <i>Android Application developed at Texas A&M University Github</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimalistic application to collect location data from users tagged with their mode of transport, developed from scratch. Pushes locally written files, containing location data, using FTP to remote server in a multi-threaded environment.

COURSEWORK

Visual Recognition	A	Machine Learning	A	Probabilistic Machine Learning	#
Fundamentals of Computing	A*	Data Structures and Algorithms	A	Image Processing	#
Digital Signal Processing	A	Probability and Statistics	A*	Algorithms-II	#
Introduction to Real Analysis	A	Partial Differential Equations	A		
Linear Algebra and ODE	A	Digital Electronics	A		
Principles of Communication	A	Control Systems	A*		

A* ≡ Outstanding

≡ Fall 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient	C++, C, Python, \LaTeX
Comfortable	JAVA, Shell (Bash), MATLAB
Tools	Theano, Git, Keras, NumPy, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib
Operating Systems	Mac, Linux, Windows, Android

MISCELLANEOUS

SOFTWARE CORNER MANAGER, TECHKRITI'16

Handled logistics for software events in Techkriti, annual technical festival of IIT Kanpur. *Managed a team of six* for conducting events and interacting with prospective participants. Conducted an onsite *Appathon* with over 50 participants from colleges across India. Hosted the *Algorithmic Programming Contest IOPC* with over 400 teams registered across India.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMING

[CODECHEF LONG CHALLENGE RATING](#): 8190.89. Over 80 problems solved on [SPOJ](#).

Appeared in Amritapuri and Chennai regionals of ACM ICPC 2017.

Appeared in Round 2 of Facebook Hackercup, 2017.

STUDENT GUIDE, COUNSELLING SERVICE

Mentored seven freshmen for their first year. Assisted in arranging a *six day orientation* for incoming freshmen.

SECRETARY, PROGRAMMING CLUB

Organized lectures, workshops and contests for over 200 freshmen.

MUSIC

Performed in *Musical extravaganza* and *Fresher's Day* as lead guitarist for Music Club.

Stood *second* in eastern music competition in Galaxy'15, cultural event of IIT Kanpur.