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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) *2017 – (2023)*
*(**Thesis Submitted:** May 10th, 2023)* GPA: 9.80/10
Robert Bosch Center for Cyber-Physical Systems *(RBCCPS)*
Indian Institute of Science *(IISc.)*, Bengaluru

- **Thesis Title:** On the Optimality of Generative Adversarial Networks — A Variational Perspective
- **Areas of research:** Generative modeling, Generative adversarial networks, Langevin diffusion models, High-dimensional Interpolation, Variational Calculus, Fourier analysis
- Will be awarded Masters of Technology (M. Tech.) (Research) Degree along with Ph.D. Degree.
- **Supervisor:** Prof. Chandra Sekhar Seelamantula
- **Selected coursework:** Linear and Non-linear Optimization, Image Processing, Pattern Recognition, Reinforcement Learning, Autonomous Navigation, Stochastic Approximation Algorithms

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) *2013 – 2017*
(Electronics and Communication Engineering) GPA: 9.98/10
M. S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology *(MSRIT)*, Bengaluru,

- **Rank**: University 1st Rank, Gold Medal
- **Project Title:** Smart Parking and Surveillance
- **Selected coursework:** Linear Algebra, Probability Theory, Numerical Methods, Signals and Systems, Digital Signal Processing, Information Theory, Image Processing

INTERNSHIP

B.E. Project Intern 2016 – 2017
Robert Bosch Center for Cyber-Physical Systems, IISc. Bangalore

- **Project Title:** Image Processing and Networking for Smart City Applications
- **Supervisors:** Prof. Bharadwaj Amrutur and Dr. Abhay Sharma

ACCOLADES

Fellowships

- Winner – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (All India Competitive) 2022
- Winner – RBCCPS Ph.D. Fellowship (Institute Competitive) 2021
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- Winner – RBCCPS Ph.D. Fellowship (Institute Competitive) 2020
- Finalist – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (All India Competitive) 2020
- Winner – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (All India Competitive) 2019
- Winner – Microsoft Research (MSR) Ph.D. Fellowship (Institute Selective) 2018

Awards

- Best Presenter – 14th IISc EECS Symposium – AI/ML Track 2023
- Gold Medal – B.E. (Highest Cumulative GPA - MSRIT, Class of 2017) 2017
- Runners up – Best Project (MSRIT, Class of 2017) 2017
- Runners up – Ideathon (IISc – MSRIT Symposium on Smart Cities) 2017
- College 2nd Rank – M.E.S. Pre-university College (State-level 10th Rank) 2013
- School 1st Rank – Poorna Prajna High School (State-level 11th Rank) 2011

SKILLS

Programming Languages and Libraries

- Python: *NumPy, SciPy, TensorFlow (1.0 and 2.0), Keras, PyTorch,*
- Others: C, C++, MATLAB

Documentation

- LaTeX
- Markdown

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar

Journal Publications

2. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Data Interpolants – That's What Discriminators in Higher-order Gradient-regularized GANs Are", ***under review*** *at the Transactions on Machine Learning Research* ***(TMLR)***.
1. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Euler-Lagrange Analysis of Generative Adversarial Networks", *Journal of Machine Learning Research* ***(JMLR)***, 1–100, 2023

Conference Articles

6. **S. Asokan**, N. Shetty, A.Srikanth and C. S. Seelamantula, "GANs Settle Scores!", ***under review*** *In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* ***(NeurIPS) 2023***
5. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Spider GAN: Leveraging Friendly Neighbors to Accelerate GAN Training", *In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition* ***(CVPR) 2023***, Vancouver, Canada (Link)
4. **S. Asokan**, F. S. Mohammed and C. S. Seelamantula, "A Game of Snakes and GANs", *In Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing* ***(ICASSP) 2023***, Rhodes Island, Greece **(Oral Presentation)** (Link)
3. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "LSGANs with gradient regularizers are smooth high-dimensional interpolators", *In Proceedings on "INTERPOLATE: First Workshop on Interpolation and Beyond" at* ***NeurIPS Workshops 2022***, New Orleans, United States of America (Link)
2. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Bridging the Gap Between Coulomb GAN and Gradient-regularized WGAN", *In Proceedings on "The Symbiosis of Deep Learning and Differential Equations (DLDE) - II" at* ***NeurIPS Workshops 2022***, New Orleans, United States of America (**Spotlight Presentation**) (Link)
1. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Teaching a GAN What Not to Learn", *In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* ***(NeurIPS) 2020***, Vancouver, Canada (Link)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Talks

1. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Teaching a GAN What Not to Learn", *The ACM India Joint International Conference on Data Science and Management of Data (CODS-COMAD), Premier Paper Track, 2021*

Refereed Publications

- ◎ International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2021 – present
- ◎ Adv. in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2021 – present
- ◎ Intl. Conf. on Acoustics, Speech, Signal Processing (ICASSP) 2021 – present
- ◎ International Conference on Image Processing. (ICIP) 2019, 2020

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant at IISc.

- ◎ E9-241 – Digital Image Processing August-December 2019
- ◎ E9-241(O) – Digital Image Processing (Online) August-December 2022

REFEREES

- ◎ *Prof. Chandra Sekhar Seelamantula*
  Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IISc.
  `css@iisc.ac.in`
- ◎ *Prof. Bharadwaj Amrutur*
  Chair, Robert Bosch Center for Cyber-Physical Systems, IISc.
  Professor, Department of Electrical Communication Engineering, IISc.
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