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# ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

2017 - (2023)

(Thesis Submitted: May 10th, 2023)

GPA: 9.80/10

(Thesis Defense (Expected): August 2023)

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, Machine Learning for Signal Processing, Pattern Recognition, Reinforcement Learning, Autonomous Navigation, Stochastic Approximation Algorithms, Dynamics of Linear Systems

# 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

#### 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

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0	*Finalist – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (* Ongoing)	2023		
0	Winner – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (All India Competitive)	2022		
0	Winner – RBCCPS Ph.D. Fellowship (Institute Competitive)	2021		
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0	Winner – RBCCPS Ph.D. Fellowship (Institute Competitive)	2020		
0	Finalist – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (All India Competitive)	2020		
0	Winner – Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (All India Competitive)	2019		
0	Winner – Microsoft Research (MSR) Ph.D. Fellowship (Institute Selective)	2018		

#### Awards

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

#### **PUBLICATIONS Journal Publications**

# GOOGLE SCHOLAR

1. **S. Asokan** and C. S. Seelamantula, "Euler-Lagrange Analysis of Generative Adversarial Networks", *Journal of Machine Learning Research* (*JMLR*), 1–100, 2023 (Link)

#### Conference Articles

- 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)
- 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)

# Preprints (under double-blind review)

- 2. S. Asokan, N. Shetty, A. Srikanth and C. S. Seelamantula, "GANs Settle Scores!", arXiv preprints, arXiv:2306.00785, (arXiv) 2023, (Link)
- S. Asokan and C. S. Seelamantula, "Data Interpolants That's What Discriminators in Higher-order Gradient-regularized GANs Are", arXiv preprints, arXiv:2306.01654, (arXiv) 2023, (Link)

# SKILLS Programming Languages and Libraries

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

#### **Documentation**

- ⊚ LATEX
- Markdown

# PROFESSIONAL Invited Talks

# ACTIVITIES

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
- ⊙ Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2021 present
- ⊚ Intl. Conf. on Acoustics, Speech, Signal Processing (ICASSP) 2021 present

2019, 2020

⊙ International Conference on Image Processing. (ICIP)

#### TEACHING

# Teaching Assistant at IISc.

⊚ E9-241 – Digital Image Processing	August-December 2019
$\odot~$ E9-241(O) – Digital Image Processing (Online)	August-December 2021
⊚ 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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- Prof. Shalabh Bhatnagar
  Professor, Department of Computer Science and Automation, IISc. shalabh@iisc.ac.in