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# **EDUCATION**

## VISVESVARAYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF

**TECHNOLOGY** Nagpur, India | 2019 - Present B.Tech, Computer Science & Engineering

GRADE 12 - CBSE BOARD Sharjah, UAE | 2019

Average Percentage: 91.6%

GRADE 10 - CBSE BOARD Sharjah, UAE | 2017

CGPA: 10/10 (equivalent to a 100%)

# SELECTED COURSEWORK

- IIIT-H's Advanced NLP Summer School (on-site)
- The NLP course by Stanford University [Notes]
- NVIDIA DLI Workshop on Building Transformer-Based NLP Applications
- Courses 1, 2 and 4 of the Deep Learning
  Specialization by DeepLearning.Al on Coursera
- Computer Vision
- Artificial Intelligence
- Information Retrieval Data Mining
- Neuro-Fuzzy Techniques
- Probability & Statistics Queuing Theory
- Linear Algebra
- IBM QGSS 2020 and 2021
- Entrepreneurship Business Intelligence

# **SKILLS**

#### **PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES**

Python, C++, C. Basic: Java, JavaScript

#### **PYTHON ML LIBRARIES**

PyTorch, HuggingFace, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas

#### **SOFTWARE / TOOLS**

SQL, MongoDB, LaTeX, Git, MS Office

## **NATURAL LANGUAGES**

English, Urdu, Hindi, French. Basic: Arabic, Telugu

#### **SOFT SKILLS**

Strong analytical thinking, leadership, team-building, and academic writing skills

# **FXTRACURRICULARS**

- Student Volunteer at the on-site EMNLP-2022 Conference in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Core Member and NLP Mentor at IvLabs, the AI and Robotics Lab of VNIT
- IEEE VNIT Student Branch Coordinator Taught and organized various workshops.
- Editor at Mag.Com, the Literary Club of VNIT
- Best Prefect Award, 2016-2017 Recognition by school for a distinguished leadership role.

## RESEARCH WORK

## **OPEN INFORMATION EXTRACTION**

IvLabs, VNIT, India | Aug 2022 - Present

- Aimed at using improved embedding techniques to effectively extract structured triples from natural language sentences.
- Working towards a publication to share results.

# **EXPERIENCE**

## SUMMER RESEARCH INTERN

[GitHub]

IvLabs, VNIT, India | Jul - Aug 2020

- Aimed to recognize the speaker in an audio file, from a database of various speakers' voices.
- Implemented basic signal processing and classification algorithms, such as LPC and MFCC.

#### SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

[Testimonial]

Esri R&D Center, Sharjah, UAE | Jul 2017

- Analyzed sample data through maps, using Esri's ArcGIS software.
- Exposure to software engineering processes and spatial thinking.

# **PROJECTS**

## **STATISTICAL MACHINE TRANSLATION** [Presentation]

IIIT-H's IASNLP Summer School Project, India | Jun 2022

• Investigated the effects of tuning English to Hindi, Telugu, Tamil SMT models on different evaluation metrics (BLEU, chrF, TER, etc).

## NEURAL MACHINE TRANSLATION

[GitHub]

IvLabs, VNIT, India | Dec 2021

• Implemented novel architectures, like Transformers and Seq2Seq, in PyTorch using the Multi30k Dataset for German-English.

# SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

[GitHub]

IvLabs, VNIT, India | Jan 2022

 Benchmarked the LSTM, FastText and BERT text classification architectures in PyTorch on the IMDb Movie Reviews dataset.

#### **TEXT GENERATION**

[GitHub]

IvLabs, VNIT, India | Jun 2021

- Generated dinosaur names by building a character language model.
- Compared the results of different sequence models in PyTorch.

#### TRAVELING SALESMAN PROBLEM SOLVER [GitHub]

Artificial Intelligence Course Project, VNIT, India | Oct 2022

 Implemented the A\* search algorithm to solve the TSP, using the minimum spanning tree heuristic function.

# HEAP MEMORY MANAGER

[GitHub]

Concepts in Programming Languages Course Project | Feb 2021

• Implemented the malloc and free functions in C, on a heap, using the first-fit allocation strategy.

## LINUX COMMAND SHELL

[GitHub]

Operating Systems Course Project, VNIT, India | Sep 2021

- Developed a basic Linux shell using multi-threading in C.
- Built to handle multiple serial/parallel commands, output redirection, and signal interrupts.