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RESEARCH INTERESTS Joint Understanding of Language & Vision, Cross Modal Generation and Retrieval, Multi-Modal Story Comprehension, Visual Storytelling and Generative Modelling.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

(2016-2021)

Computer Science

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Advisor(s): Dr. Mubbasir Kapadia & Dr. Gerard De Melo | Lab: IVI

Bachelor of Engineering

(2009-2013)

Instrumentation and Control Engineering

Anna University, Chennai, India

PUBLICATIONS

Ravi, H., Vithlani, P., Modi, A., Kapadia, M., Visualize Your Story: Laying the Foundation for Coherent Many to Many Story Illustration, Under Review.*

Ravi, H., Alikhani, M., Han, F., Kapadia, M., Pavlovic, V., Stone, M., Cross-Modal Coherence for Text to Image Retrieval, *Proceedings of AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2022.*

Ravi, H., Kafle, K., Cohen, S., Brandt, J., Kapadia, M. AESOP: Abstract Encoding of Stories, Objects and Pictures, proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2021.

Chowdhary S.N., Bhowmik, R., **Ravi, H.**, Weikum, G., De Melo G., Exploiting Image-Text Synergy for Contextual Image Captioning, in *The Third Workshop Beyond Vision and LANguage: inTEgrating Real-world kNowledge, in (EACL) 2021.*

Ravi, H., Wang, L., Muniz, C., Sigal, L., Kapadia, M., Show Me a Story: Towards Coherent Neural Story Illustration, in proceedings of IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2018.

Ravi, H., Subramanyam, A. V., Emmanuel, S. ACE - An Effective Anti-forensic Contrast Enhancement Technique, in *IEEE Signal Processing Letters (SPL) 2016*.

Ravi, H., Subramanyam, A. V., Emmanuel, S. Forensic Analysis of Linear and Non Linear Image Filtering using Quantization Noise, *ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing, Communications, and Applications (TOMM) 2015.*

Ravi, H., Subramanyam, A. V., Emmanuel, S. Spatial Domain Quantization Noise Based Image Filtering Detection, in proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP) 2015.

Ravi, H., Subramanyam, A. V., Gupta, G. and Avinash Kumar, B., Compression Noise Based Video Forgery Detection, in *proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)* 2014.

^{*}Email me for draft of these papers.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, Adobe Research

(May 2020 –Nov 2020)

Mentor(s): Dr. Kushal Kafle, Dr. Scott Cohen, Dr. Jonathan Brandt

Summary: Created a novel abstract creative visual storytelling dataset made of text and illustrations co-created from scratch. We proposed a deep multimodal neural network that learns to model the co-evolution of visual and textual concepts to perform story completion. The work is accepted in ICCV 2021.

Graduate Assistant, Rutgers University

(Jan 2018 –Dec 2019)

Mentor(s): Dr. Mubbasir Kapadia, Dr. Gerard De Melo

Summary: Led a team of 3 PhD and 4 MS students on the DARPA SOCIALSIM project on simulation of information flow within and across multiple social networks. Developed Graph representation learning and multi-task recurrent architectures for information flow prediction. Results on GitHub social network is submitted to arXiv.

Joint image-text understanding requires modeling the complex relationships. We propose a novel auxiliary coherence prediction module that predicts the type of relation during training a text-to-image retrieval model. This improves the performance of retrieval significantly. This work is published in AAAI 2022.

Research Intern, Disney Research

(Jun 2017 –Sep 2017)

Mentor(s): Dr. Mubbasir Kapadia

Summary: Proposed the task of story illustration for story comprehension. Developed a hierarchical recurrent architecture optimized over sequential order embedding loss function. Results are published in CVPR 2018. Extended this work to create a novel many-to-many dataset and proposed a deep sequential retrieval architecture to model visual coherence for story illustration task. This work is under review in EMNLP 2021.

Research Associate, IIIT-Delhi

(Nov 2013 –June 2016)

Mentor(s): Dr. A.V.Subramanyam

Summary: Worked on forgery detection in images and videos based on feature extraction from noise (caused by the camera sensor or compression). Proposed novel Machine Learning models to detect anomalies caused by operations such as filtering or inpainting. Results are published in ICIP 2014, ICIP 2015, ACM TOMM 2015 and SPL 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

EXPERIENCE	Probability and Statistics	(Spring 2020)
	Topics in AI: Data StoryTelling	(Fall 2017)
	Principles of Programming Languages	(Spring 2017)
	Probability and Statistics	(Fall 2016)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reviewer

CVPR	(2022)
$EMNLP,\ ACL$	(2021)
$EMNLP,\ ICDM$	(2020)

Program Committee

AAAI	(2022)
NAACL, ACL DialDoc	(2021)

SKILL SET

Programming : Python, MATLAB, C++, C, SQL Deep Learning Frameworks : PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow

Scientific Computing Packages : Scikit-learn, NumPy, SciPy

Tools and Libraries : OpenCV, libSVM, GitHub, LaTeX, MTurk