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RESEARCH AREAS

Out-of-Distribution Generalization, Self-supervised Adaptation, Embodied RL, Robust Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning

**EDUCATION** 

School of Interactive Computing, Georgia Tech

2019 - Present

Ph.D. in Computer Science Advised by Prof. Judy Hoffman

College of Computing, Georgia Tech

2017 - 2019

M.S. in Computer Science Advised by Prof. Devi Parikh

Thesis: Evaluating Visual Conversational Agents via Cooperative Human-AI Games

Awarded M.S. Research Award

Delhi Technological University (Formerly DCE)

2012 - 2016

B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Outstanding reviewer for CVPR 2021 Among top 33% reviewers for ICML 2020

NVIDIA Best Runner Up Paper Award at AROW, ECCV 2020

Recipient: CS-7001 Research Award (2020) - Interactive Computing, Georgia Tech Invited to mentor students at the "New in ML" workshop at NeurIPS 2019

Recognized as one of the highest-scoring reviewers for NeurIPS 2019

Outstanding Reviewer for ICLR 2019

Recipient: IC Student Travel Grant to attend NeurIPS 2018

Among top 30% reviewers for NeurIPS 2018

Recipient: MS Research Award (2018) - College of Computing, Georgia Tech

Winner: VT-Hacks, 2017, a Major League Hacking event.

Semi-Finalists: ROBOSUB - AUVSI, 2013 out of 30 participating teams

Finalists: NIOT SAVe, 2013 out of 27 participating teams

Recipient: Merit Scholarships for Undergraduate Academic Performance (2012-2014)

Recipient: KVPY and INSPIRE Fellowships, 2012

National Top 1%: Indian National Physics Olympiad (InPhO), 2013

PUBLICATIONS & PRE-PRINTS (\*denotes equal contribution)

RobustNav: Towards Benchmarking Robustness in Embodied Navigation

International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2021 (Oral)

Embodied AI Workshop, CVPR 2021

P. Chattopadhyay, J. Hoffman, R. Mottaghi, A. Kembhavi

Likelihood Landscapes: A Unifying Principle Behind Many Adversarial Defenses

Adversarial Robustness in the Real World (AROW), ECCV 2020 (Talk)

NVIDIA Best Paper Runner Up

F. Lin, R. Mittapali, **P. Chattopadhyay**, D. Bolya, J. Hoffman

Learning to Balance Specificity and Invariance for In and Out of Domain Generalization

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020 (Poster)

Visual Learning with Limited Labels (LwLL), CVPR 2020 (Poster) P. Chattopadhyay, Y. Balaji, J. Hoffman

IR-VIC: Unsupervised Discovery of Sub-goals for Transfer in RL

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2020 (Poster)

N. Modhe, P. Chattopadhyay, M. Sharma, A. Das, D. Parikh, D. Batra, R. Vedantam

#### DS-VIC: Unsupervised Discovery of Decision States for Transfer in RL

Task-Agnostic Reinforcement Learning (TARL) Workshop, ICLR 2019 (Poster)

N. Modhe, P. Chattopadhyay, M. Sharma, A. Das, D. Parikh, D. Batra, R. Vedantam

#### Improving Generative Visual Dialog by Answering Diverse Questions

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2019 (Poster)

V. Murahari, P. Chattopadhyay, D. Batra, D. Parikh, A. Das

# EvalAI: Towards Better Evaluation Systems for AI Agents arXiv 2019 (Technical Report)

Workshop on AI Systems, SOSP 2019 (Poster)

D. Yadav, R. Jain, H. Agrawal, P. Chattopadhyay, T. Singh, A. Jain, S. Singh,

S. Lee, D. Batra

# ${\bf Choose\ Your\ Neuron:\ Incorporating\ Domain\ Knowledge\ Through\ Neuron-Importance}$

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2018 (Poster)

Continual Learning Workshop, NeurIPS 2018 (Poster)

Visually Grounded Interaction and Language (ViGIL), NeurIPS 2018 (Poster)

R. Selvaraju\*, P. Chattopadhyay\*, M. Elhoseiny, T. Sharma, D. Batra, D. Parikh, S. Lee

## Do Explanations make VQA models more predictable to a human?

 $Conference\ on\ Empirical\ Methods\ in\ Natural\ Language\ Processing\ (EMNLP)\ 2018\ (\textbf{Poster})$ 

A. Chandrasekaran\*, V. Prabhu\*, D.Yadav\*, P. Chattopadhyay\*, D. Parikh

# Evaluating Visual Conversational Agents via Cooperative Human-AI Games

AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP) 2017 (Oral)

 $\mbox{\bf P.Chattopadhyay}^*,$  D.Yadav $^*,$  V. Prabhu, A. Chandrasekaran, A. Das, S. Lee, D. Batra, D. Parikh

#### It Takes Two to Tango: Towards Theory of AI's Mind

Chalearn Looking at People Workshop, CVPR 2017 (Oral)

A. Chandrasekaran\*, D.Yadav\*, P. Chattopadhyay\*, V. Prabhu\*, D. Parikh

# Counting Everyday Objects in Everyday Scenes

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2017 (Spotlight)

P.Chattopadhyay\*, R.Vedantam\*, R. Selvaraju, D. Batra, D. Parikh

# Delhi Technological University: Design and Development of the Littoral AUV Zyra 2.0

AUVSI RoboSub Journal 2014 (Technical Report)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### PRIOR, Allen Institute of AI

May 2020 - Aug 2020

Research Intern, mentored by Ani Kembhavi, Roozbeh Mottaghi and Judy Hoffman Assessing the robustness of embodied navigation agents to visual and dynamics corruptions

# Deep Learning Group, Microsoft Research AI

May 2018 - Aug 2018

Research Intern, mentored by Hamid Palangi

Improving goal-driven visually grounded dialog under the presence of an adversarial utterance evaluator

# Visual Intelligence Lab, Georgia Tech

Aug 2017 - Aug 2019

Research Assistant, mentored by Prof. Devi Parikh and Prof. Dhruv Batra

Worked on problems at the intersection of computer vision and natural language processing with a focus towards building intelligent and interpretable systems.

# CVMLP Lab, Virginia Tech

Jun 2015 - May 2017

Research Assistant, mentored by Prof. Devi Parikh and Prof. Dhruv Batra

Worked on scene-understanding problems such as object detection and counting in everyday scenes with a downstream focus towards visual question answering

#### Robotics Research Lab, IIIT Hyderabad

Research Intern, mentored by Prof. K Madhava Krishna

Implemented an efficient strategy for a robot to discover, recognize and navigate to a selected few objects among some scattered in an environment, based on a "guess from far and recognize from near" strategy.

#### IACS, Kolkata

Jun 2014 - Aug 2014

Dec 2014 - Jan 2015

Research Intern, mentored by Prof. Soumitra Sengupta

Worked on finding Charged Rotating Black Hole solutions in Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet dilaton coupled gravity and simulated the conditions for the existence of multiple horizons in constant scalar curvature f(R) gravity.

# Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Team, DTU

Aug 2012 - Aug 2016

Undergraduate Researcher, mentored by Prof. R K Sinha

**Underwater Acoustics:** Developed and implemented range estimation algorithms for Passive Source Localization from Time Difference of Arrival (TDOA) values in conjunction with machine vision techniques.

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

#### Reviewing

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)	2018 - 2022
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)	2018 - 2021
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)	2019
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)	2019 - 2022
IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)	2021 - 2022
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	2019 - 2020
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)	2018

# Challenge Organization

Visual Dialog Challenge CVPR 2020

(co-organized with Vishvak Murahari)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant

 $\operatorname{CS}$ 4476: Introduction to Computer Vision

Spring 2021

Instructor: Prof. Judy Hoffman

#### RELEVANT COURSEWORK

### Graduate Coursework

- Deep Learning Machine Learning Machine Learning Theory
- Probabilistic Graphical Models in Machine Learning
- Computability and Algorithms Information Visualization
- Adaptive Control and Reinforcement Learning
- High-Dimensional Data Analysis

# Selected Undergraduate Coursework

- $\bullet$  Control Systems  $\, \bullet$  Pattern Recognition  $\, \bullet$  Advanced Analog Circuit Design
- Network Analysis and Circuit Theory Microprocessors Digital Electronics
- Electromagnetic Field Theory

# REFERENCES (available upon request)

- Prof. Judy Hoffman, Georgia Tech (email: judy@gatech.edu)
- Dr. Ani Kembhavi, PRIOR AllenAI (email: anik@allenai.org
- Dr. Roozbeh Mottaghi, PRIOR AllenAI (email: roozbehm@allenai.org)
- Prof. Devi Parikh, Georgia Tech (email: parikh@gatech.edu)
- Prof. Dhruv Batra, Georgia Tech (email: dbatra@gatech.edu)
- Prof. Mohamed H. Elhoseiny, KAUST (email: mohamed.elhoseiny@kaust.edu.sa)
- Dr. Hamid Palangi, MSR AI (email: hpalangi@microsoft.com)
- Prof. Stefan Lee, Oregon State University (email: steflee@gatech.edu)