

# SAVYA KHOSLA

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## EDUCATION

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**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, MS in Computer Science** Aug 2022 - May 2024 (Expected)

- CGPA: 4.0 / 4.0
- Thesis advisor: Professor Derek Hoiem

**DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, B.Tech. in Computer Engineering** Aug 2017 - July 2021

- CGPA: 9.40 / 10.0
- Advised by Professor Anil Singh Parihar
- Recipient of Research Excellence Award and INR 50,000 for noteworthy contributions to the field of machine learning

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**ALLEN INSTITUTE OF AI, Research Intern on PRIOR** May 2023 - Present

- Working on multimodal video representation learning with special focus on long videos
- Contributing to the development of Unified-IO-2, a unified model for performing a wide range of AI tasks

**ALLEN INSTITUTE OF AI, Research Collaborator** Oct 2022 - May 2023

- Contributed to Unified-IO-2, a large-scale model for tasks involving image, text, audio, video, and action modalities
- Implemented data curation and processing pipelines for various 3D, video, audio, speech, and image manipulation tasks

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, Research Assistant** Apr 2022 - Aug 2022

- Advised by Professor Kenji Kawaguchi and Alex Lamb
- Spearheaded the development of an active learning algorithm that utilizes EMA divergence to select informative data points
- Explored the domains of adversarial learning, epistemic neural networks, and physics-informed neural networks

**MILA - QUEBEC AI INSTITUTE, Visiting Research Intern** Apr 2021 - Nov 2021

- Advised by Professor Yoshua Bengio
- Active Learning:
  - Proposed 3 heteroskedastic data distributions to demonstrate catastrophic failure of uncertainty-based active learning algorithms
  - Investigated the performance of 5 state-of-the-art active learning techniques under the presence of heteroskedasticity
- Adversarial Learning:
  - Worked on an algorithm that improved adversarial robustness of deep networks without sacrificing much accuracy on clean data
  - Implemented adversarial attacks (FGSM, PGD, Carlini & Wagner) and tested the robustness of adversarial training baselines

**DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, Undergraduate Researcher** Apr 2021 - Nov 2021

- Advised by Professor Anil Singh Parihar
- Object Recognition:
  - Worked on improving object recognition systems in the presence of adversaries like occlusion and blurriness
  - Employed the paradigm of learning using privileged information to improve robustness against adversaries
- Malware Classification:
  - Developed deep learning models for malware detection and classification
  - Leveraged ensembling and self-supervised learning to propose convolution-based SOTA malware classification model

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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**GOOGLE, Software Engineer** Aug 2021 - Mar 2022

- Worked in the Google Search team on improving the search infrastructure for web ranking
- Developed machine learning and deep learning models for improving multimodal document understanding

**GOOGLE, Software Engineering Intern** May 2020 - Jul 2020

- Initiated the development of MuRIL - a BERT-based multilingual language model for Indian languages
- Reported an average improvement of 9.5% and 27.8% over the baseline for the 2 datasets in consideration
- Experimented with 17 Indian dialects and performed several ablation experiments in zero-shot and few-shot settings

**CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, Python Developer Intern** Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

- Developed a unified functionality interface for two version control systems - Perforce and ClearCase
- Wrote a script for fetching revisions of a file from the two version-control systems using a single shell command

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### CS 225: DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS WITH C++, Teaching Assistant

Aug 2022 - May 2023

- Fall 2022 and Spring 2023: Co-instructed by Professor Carl Evans and Professor Brad Solomon
- Taught a lab of 150+ students in Fall 2022 and 80+ students in Spring 2023
- Additional responsibilities encompassed conducting office hours, grading projects, and mentoring students in their final projects

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. [Savya Khosla](#), Chew Kin Whye, Jordan T. Ash, Cyril Zhang, Kenji Kawaguchi, and Alex Lamb. Neural active learning on heteroskedastic distributions, In *26th European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI)*, 2023.
2. [Savya Khosla](#), Alex Lamb, Jordan Ash, Cyril Zhang, and Kenji Kawaguchi. Catastrophic failures of neural active learning on heteroskedastic distributions. In *NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Distribution Shifts: Connecting Methods and Applications*, 2021.
3. Alex Lamb, Vikas Verma, Kenji Kawaguchi, Alexander Matyasko, [Savya Khosla](#), Juho Kannala, and Yoshua Bengio. Interpolated adversarial training: Achieving robust neural networks without sacrificing too much accuracy. *Neural Networks*, 154:218–233, 2022.
4. Anil Singh Parihar, Shashank Kumar, and [Savya Khosla](#). S-DCNN: stacked deep convolutional neural networks for malware classification. *Multimedia Tools and Applications*, 81:30997–31015, 2022.
5. Shashank Kumar, [Savya Khosla](#), Shivangi Meena, Anil Singh Parihar. AE-DCNN: Autoencoder Enhanced Deep Convolutional Neural Network For Malware Classification. In *2021 International Conference on Intelligent Technologies (CONIT)*, 2021.
6. Simran Khanuja, Diksha Bansal, Sarvesh Mehtani, [Savya Khosla](#), Atreyee Dey, Balaji Gopalan, Dilip Kumar Margam, Pooja Aggarwal, Rajiv Teja Nagipogu, Shachi Dave, Shruti Gupta, Subhash Chandra Bose Gali, Vish Subramanian, and Partha Talukdar. MuRIL: Multilingual Representations for Indian Languages. *arXiv*, 2021.

## PROJECTS

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### OCCLUDED FACIAL EXPRESSION RECOGNITION

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- A framework for recognizing facial expressions in occluded images using non-occluded images as privileged information
- The technique rendered an average gain of 3.90% over the baseline for 3 standard benchmarking datasets
- Technical stack used: Learning Using Privileged Information, Convolutional Neural Networks, TensorFlow

### IMAGE CAPTIONING

[\[Link\]](#)

- A CNN and RNN-based model for generating a textual description of an image based on the objects and actions in it
- Technical stack used: Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, Beam Search Algorithm, Keras, Python

### TEXT TO IMAGE

[\[Link\]](#)

- A generative model for synthesizing photo-realistic images given textual descriptions using Conditional GANs
- Technical stack used: Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks (used the StackGAN architecture), TensorFlow, Python

### AGROAI

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- A group project to build an unbiased platform for farmers to predict the quality and price of the crops
- Presented this project in Google's Explore ML Bootcamp
- Technical stack used: React, NodeJS, Mongo, Flask (Python)

## COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS

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### GRADUATE COURSES

- CS 588: Autonomous Vehicle System Engineering by Professor David Alexander Forsyth
- CS 543: Computer Vision by Professor Svetlana Lazebnik
- CS 445: Computational Photography by Professor Derek Hoiem
- CS 444: Deep Learning for Computer Vision by Professor Svetlana Lazebnik

### RELEVANT UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

- CO 201: Data Structures
- CO 202: Database Management System
- CO 203: Object-Oriented Programming
- CO 206: Algorithm Design and Analysis
- CO 304: Artificial Intelligence
- CO 407: Distributed Systems
- CO 414: Big Data Analytics
- CO 423: Swarm and Evolutionary Computing
- IT 420: Computer Vision

## ONLINE COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Deep Learning Specialization by Andrew Ng
  - Neural Networks and Deep Learning
  - Improving Deep Neural Networks: Hyperparameter tuning, Regularization and Optimization
  - Structuring Machine Learning Projects
  - Convolutional Neural Networks
  - Sequence Models
- Machine Learning by Stanford University (CS229 Lectures by Andrew Ng)
- Introduction to TensorFlow for Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning by deeplearning.ai
- C++ Bootcamp by Coding Blocks
- Competitive Programming Bootcamp by Coding Blocks
- Machine Learning Master Course by Coding Blocks

## SKILLS

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### LANGUAGES & FRAMEWORKS

- C • C++ • Python • TensorFlow • Keras • PyTorch • JAX • Flax • Git • OpenCV • Scikit-Learn

### OTHERS

- Machine Learning • Multimodal Neural Learning • Active Learning • Adversarial Learning • Competitive Programming