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## EXPERIENCE

### ○ Under Graduate Research Assistant

*Solarillion Foundation*

06/2017 – Present

Chennai

- Developed and deployed a Machine Learning model in real-time for predicting the occupancy of a movie using its booking history in collaboration with one of the top three multiplex chains in India.
- Developed a Generic Deep Framework for Cross-Domain Univariate and Multivariate Time Series Forecast including S&P500 stocks.

## PUBLICATIONS

### ○ Convolutional Long Short-Term Memory Neural Networks for Hierarchical Species

*Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF 2018) • Avignon, France — Sep, 2018*

Deep Learning to model the species distribution given their spatial environmental features along with the species taxonomy under GeoLifeCLEF2018 Lab.

### ○ DeepTrace: Generic Deep Framework for Cross-Domain Univariate and Multivariate Time Series Forecast (Under Review)

*Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-19) • Hawaii, USA — Feb, 2019*

A generic framework of model architectures that could work across all classes of time series datasets to eliminate the feature engineering task without compromising on the accuracy of state-of-the-art models and algorithms.

### ○ A Machine-Learning approach to Occupancy Forecasting using Feature Tuning (Under Review)

*SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM19) • Alberta, Canada — May, 2019*

Dataset construction, Feature Engineering and Feature Tuning to model crowd behaviour for occupancy forecasting on historical booking data (2013 - 2017) of a popular Indian multiplex.

## EDUCATION

### ○ Computer Science Engineering

Anna University (SSN College of Engineering)

05/2015 – Present

7.9

### ○ Higher Secondary Education-CBSE

Chettinad Vidyashram, Chennai

06/2000 – 04/2015

94.80%

## EVENTS

### ○ Smart India Hackathon 2018 (ISRO), Gujarat

*Finalists*

### ○ Smart City Hackathon 2017, Rajkot

*Finalists*

### ○ Ideathon (Paytm) 2016, Delhi

*Top 100 in India*

## ORGANISATIONS

### ○ Association of Computer Engineers (ACE), SSN

*President* 2018 – Present

Responsible for Department of Computer Science Engineering Activities and part of the core organizing SSN's Technical Fest InvenTe3.0 (September 21-22, 2018).

### ○ Teach-A-School

*Teacher Volunteer*

10/2016-04/2017

Delivered Basic Math and Science concepts designed in line with their school curriculum for middle school children (6th Grade, Lady Sivaswami Iyer Girls School).

## SKILLS

### Programming

*Advanced:* Python, C++

*Intermediate:* C, Java

*Beginner:* HTML/CSS, SQL, Bash

### Hardware & Software:

Arduino, Linux, Android Studio, Kibana, Latex

### Tools & Frameworks:

Git, Keras, Tensorflow, Scikit-learn, Numpy, Pandas

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Deep Learning| Reinforcement Learning| Natural Language Processing

## MOOCs

**Stanford University | Coursera**  
Machine Learning

**USF| Fast.ai**  
Deep Learning

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Scholastic

- 1st Prize National Level Vedic Mathematics, 2010.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize State Level Vedic Mathematics, 2011.

### Non-Scholastic

- Recipient of the Rajya Purashkar Award (Honourable Governor's Award), 2013-Scouts and Guides.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place- District level Chess, 2010.

## NOTABLE PROJECTS

### ○ Road\_not\_taken

*Pytorch, Kivy, Pyshp*

An application that reads road networks as shapefiles and generates the minimum spanning tree using conventional and agent-based (Reinforcement Learning) algorithms.

**Datasets:** Google Earth, ISRO's Geoportal

### ○ Occupancy\_Prediction

*Keras, Pandas*

Deployed Branched-LSTM Deep models and ExtraTrees models with engineered and tuned features to predict occupancy per screen per show for a popular multiplex in real time.

**Dataset:** Booking data (Transactional) (2013-2017)

### ○ ML for Speed Control of DC Motor

*Arduino, 12V DC Motor, IR Sensor*

Developed a polynomial regression algorithm to stabilize the error between the user and sense speed under no load and loaded conditions for a 12 V DC motor.

## CURRENT WORK

### ○ Text Summarization (Abstractive)

*Tensorflow, Nltk*

Deep NLP model that incorporates efficient knowledge representation to create short and coherent versions of a longer document while maintaining contextual density.

**Datasets:** DUC-2003,04

### ○ Automatic Short Answer Grading System

*Tensorflow, Tkinter*

Deep model with unsupervised learning to evaluate and grade short answers by deriving key measures of the correctness of a student response from its semantic similarity with the correct answer.

**Datasets:** Semeval, SAS-Hewlett

### ○ CLEF 2019

Expanding dataset and deriving a new metric for collaboration with the organizers of CLEF 2019, Switzerland. Future work of the already published paper aimed at achieving higher accuracy and optimisation.