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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

2023 - 2025

M.S. in Computer Science, Advised by Prof. Dinesh Manocha - GPA 3.8/4.0

Maryland, USA

Delhi Technological University

2017 - 2021

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science - GPA 8.7/10, Major GPA 9.05/10

Delhi, India

PUBLICATIONS

 CompA: Addressing the Gap in Compositional Reasoning in Audio-Language Models ICLR 2024

• AdVerb: Visually Guided Audio Dereverberation

ICCV 2023

 MMER: Multimodal Multi-task Learning for Speech Emotion Recognition InterSpeech 2023

 ACLM: Selective-Denoising based Data Augmentation for Low-Resource Complex NER ACL 2023

 BioAug: Conditional Generation based Data Augmentation for Low-Resource Biomedical NER SIGIR 2023

• CoSyn: Detecting Implicit Hate Speech in Online Conversations Using a Context Synergized Hyperbolic Network

EMNLP 2023

 DALE: Generative Data Augmentation for Low-Resource Legal NLP EMNLP 2023

- ABEX: Generative Data Augmentation for Low-Resource NLP via Expanding Abstract Descriptions (In Review)
 NAACL 2024
- ASPIRE: Language-Guided Data Augmentation for Robust Image Classification (In Review)
 NAACL 2024
- CoDa: Constrained Generation based Data Augmentation for Low-Resource NLP (In Review) NAACL 2024
- Do Vision-Language Models Understand Compound Nouns? (In Review)
 NAACL 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

GAMMA Lab, University of Maryland

College Park, Maryland

Research Assistant

August 2022 - Present

- Currently researching multimodal learning; working on video representation learning for long-form video understanding
- My research focuses on low-resource (labeled data and compute) learning with applications in speech, NLP, or vision. In this area, I solve problems using self-supervised learning, synthetic data augmentation, etc.
- Advised by Prof. Dinesh Manocha

Multimodal Digital Media Analysis Lab

IIITD, Delhi

Machine Learning Researcher

April 2022 - March 2023

- Worked under the supervision of Dr. Rajiv Ratn Shah in the areas of Speech and Language Processing.
- Worked on multi-lingual automatic speech scoring systems for low-resource Indian languages.
- Also explored novel architectures to detect implicit hate speech in online conversations. Paper accepted at AAAI 2023
 Defactify

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Atlassian India LLP

Bangalore, Karnataka

Software Development Engineer 2

July 2021 - August 2023

- Worked on the Atlassian's Issue Create Experience to deliver a reliable and performant interface which helped improve key business metrics and customer satisfaction ratings.
- Achieved 99.996% frontend reliability and scaled the experience for over 250k customers with more than 2M issues created every day. Improved performance TTI from 3.9s to 1.2s using modern technology stack.

Software Engineer Intern

Jan 2021 - June 2021

- Identified the limitations for improvements and bottlenecks in the existing legacy API implementation and proposed revamping. Utilized this performant API to develop the user interface.
- Reduced the **latency** of modal load by **95.57**% by avoiding redundant server-side database queries and scaled to 1M customers.

Samsung R&D Institute Bangalore

Bangalore, Karnataka

Machine Learning Intern

May 2020 - July 2020

- Worked with the Voice Intelligence team of Samsung to improve Bixby's wakeup word detection.
- Researched keyword spotting techniques and built a vocabulary-independent, lightweight keyword spotter

PATENTS

• Apparatuses, methods, and computer program products for generating an abstractive context summary scheduling interface configured for scheduling and outputting abstractive context summaries for multi-party communication channels (Patent Pending)

U.S. Patent Application No. 17/936,695

• Apparatuses, methods, and computer program products for generating and selectively outputting abstractive context summaries for multi-party communication channels (Patent Pending)

U.S. Patent Application No. 17/936,705

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: (Highly Proficient) Python, JavaScript, C++ (Moderate) Java, SQL

Frameworks: Pytorch, FastAI, Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn, ReactJS, Jest, Enzyme, NLTK

Certifications and Training:

- Machine Learning by Stanford University
- Game Theory by Stanford University

- Competitive Programming by St Petersburg University
- Data Analysis with Python by IBM

PROJECTS

Occluded Facial Expression Recognition | Deep Learning, Image Processing

- Developed 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

ANN-GWO Intrusion Detection System | Neural Networks, Swarm Algorithms

- Developed a hybrid IDS by using Grey Wolf Algorithm instead of backpropagation with artificial neural networks
- Utilized MIT Darpa 1998 dataset and achieved SOTA results

ACHIEVEMENTS

- EMNLP 2023 Industry Track Reviewer
- JEE Mains 2017: 99.49% percentile, Pan India
- People's choice award 2021 & 2022: Atlassian's internal hackathon
- Winner of Digital Management Inc. India Hackathon, 2019
- 2nd position in Student Hackday 2019 organised by Skillenza
- Barclays India Hackathon 2019 Top 4, All India
- Achieved 5 star rating on Codechef platform for competitive programming