Amey Porobo Dharwadker

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EDUCATION

 ${\bf Columbia\ University},\ {\rm New\ York},\ {\rm United\ States}$

M.S., Electrical Engineering (GPA: 4.04/4.0)

Expected Graduation: Dec 2014

National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, India

Jul 2007 - May 2011

B. Tech, Electronics and Communication Engineering (GPA: 8.54/10.0)

• Degree Honors : First Class with Distinction

• Thesis: Scene Text Extraction Using Color Information

Industrial Experience

Facebook Inc., Menlo Park, California

May 2014 – Jul 2014

Software Engineering Intern

 Worked on understanding how users interact with Facebook ads and further optimizing content ads relevance and retrieval.

Analog Devices Inc., Bangalore, India

Jul 2011 – Jun 2013

Automotive Vision Software Engineer

- Developed real-time vision based Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) algorithms for proprietary ADSP-BF609 embedded processor.
- Researched, designed and implemented the algorithms including input data-analysis, OpenCV and MATLAB simulations and a final implementation which featured a hardware-accelerated video analytics pipeline.

Projects

Large-scale Action Recognition in Videos

Oct 2013 - Jan 2014

Advanced Research Project

- Extracted dense trajectory features (HOG, HOF, MBH) for human action recognition in videos captured in realistic unconstrained environments.
- Proposed spatio-temporal covariance descriptors on the computed dense trajectories to fuse correlated features and create a low-dimensional feature representation.

Predicting Visual Aesthetics in Face Photos

Dec 2013

Biometrics Course Project

- Utilized photographic compositional features and rules to develop an algorithmic approach to quantify aesthetic quality of photos containing faces.
- Built SVM classifiers to score face photos similar to human aesthetics judgement predictions.

Text Detection in Natural Scene Images

May 2010 – Jul 2010

UGC funded Research Internship

- Developed algorithms to segment foreground text from word images in the ICDAR 2003 Robust Reading Competition Word Dataset.
- Proposed algorithms for localizing text regions in natural scene images from the ICDAR 2003 Dataset.

SKILLS

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux

Primary: C, C++, Python, PHP

OpenCV, MATLAB, R, Mathematica, Eclipse, LATEX, Git

Publications

Abhishek Sharma, **Amey Dharwadker**, and T. Kasar. "MobLP: A CC-based approach to vehicle license plate number segmentation from images acquired with a mobile phone camera." *Annual IEEE India Conference (INDICON)*, 2010. [pdf]

T. Kasar, A.G. Ramakrishnan, **Amey Dharwadker**, Abhishek Sharma. "TexTraCC: Text extraction using color-based connected component labeling." *The Centenary Conference, Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science*, 2011. [pdf]

Honors and Awards Ranked 214th in HackerRank CodeSprint 5 among 4000+ participants across the world Among 72 students selected worldwide for the Season of KDE 2011 internship program Received University Grants Commission (Government of India) Summer Research Fellowship 2010 Among National Top 1% (250 students) selected in the Indian National Physics Olympiad 2007 Awarded Gold Merit Certificate in the 6th National Cyber Olympiad 2007

ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP Active participant in online programming competitions - Topcoder, Codeforces, SPOJ, Codechef Manager, Online MATLAB programming contest - 'Matrix', NIT Tiruchirappalli, 2011 Guest Lecture, Face Detection in images, NIT Tiruchirappalli, 2011 (~100 participants) Mentor, Digital Image Processing Workshop, NIT Tiruchirappalli, 2010 (~150 participants)