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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision, Multimodal Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Quantum Computing

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur **July 2019 - May 2023**

Major in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering and Minor in Computer Science and Engineering

Cumulative GPA: **9.34/10.00**

GPA in Minor: **9.42/10.00**

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Abhikhya Tripathy**, Abhinav Mahajan, Sudeeksha Reddy Pala, Vaibhav Methi, Joseph K J, Balaji Vasan Srinivasan, **Towards Design Generation from its Components**, *Under review at Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR '25)*, 2025. ¹

PATENTS

- [1] **Abhikhya Tripathy**, Aishwarya Agarwal, Srikrishna Karanam, Balaji Vasan Srinivasan, **TextIT: Improving Text Generation in Diffusion Models through Inference-Time Self-Attention Manipulation** [Accepted For Filing] ²

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate - Adobe Research, Bangalore **July 2023 - Present**

- Working in the **Computer Vision** Group on several projects involving Graphic Designs and Multimodal Content Generation for Adobe's flagship design platform, **Adobe Express**.
- Collaborating with various engineering and deployment teams within Adobe to solve industrial use-cases and integrate solutions into larger product frameworks.
- Leading research projects with both academic and industrial outcomes, mentoring undergraduate interns, submitting papers, filing patents and giving presentations on my ongoing research.

Research Intern - Adobe Inc. **May 2022 - July 2022**

System for Automated User Feedback Incorporation for Accelerated Design Editing *Dr. Srikrishna Karanam*

- Implemented a system to automatically understand the stakeholder comments and map it to key parts of the designs. Further, we recommend new assets that can provide designers with alternatives to help address feedback comments.³
- Leveraged and enhanced Computer Vision tasks of **Visual Phrase Grounding** and **Style-Based Image Retrieval**.
- Submitted an Invention Disclosure** and demonstrated a working demo of our system. Based on my performance, I was one of the 4 interns (out of the total 82 across India) offered a full-time role as Research Associate.

Research Intern - Cornell University **November 2021 - May 2023**

Topic: Variational Quantum Algorithms (VQAs) for solving Partial Differential Equations *Dr. Peter McMahon*

- Formulated and implemented VQAs for solving the **2-D heat equation** and the **non-linear Poisson equation**.
- Derived cost functions based on the energy minimisation principle using Euler-Lagrange equations [Sato et al., 2021] and the distance minimisation principle [Lubasch et al., 2019].
- Performed simulations across diverse quantum circuits and boundary conditions, and successfully demonstrated the faster time evolution of initial wavefunctions using our algorithms, when compared to the classical Backward Euler method.

Research Intern - Brown University **May 2021 - August 2021**

Topic: Modeling Correlated Topological Insulators *Dr. Brenda Rubenstein*

- Analyzed correlated topological insulators, which are **candidate quantum materials**, through their phase transitions by using Auxiliary Field Quantum Monte Carlo simulations.
- Utilized quantum fidelity metric to signal these phase transitions and derived equations for simulations through meticulous mathematics. Expressed the derivations in terms of quantum-compatible expectation values.
- Significantly contributed to Dr. Rubenstein's ongoing research on quantum materials.

¹https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hCTCUW_cJAKWV1YC1o6YBOshN2cMhKio/view?usp=sharing

²<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sLyC-l8K7P101zbP8vYl7XlU9WAleLnH/view?usp=sharing>

³https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MBrUydEvD0A-FYoG17zXA6zasfZM_Jlm/view?usp=sharing

KEY PROJECTS

Towards Design Generation from its Components

November 2024

Adobe Research India

- System to automatically generate aesthetic graphic designs from user-provided multimodal components, such as texts and images, with individual modules to optimise the design layout, compose background and foreground images and predict typography details for text elements.
- Further focus on the **Image Composition** module which utilises a pre-trained Large Multimodal Model (LMM), which we modify for improved **foreground object identity retention**.
- We leverage the identity information stored in the LMM's image representations to boost the alignment of objects in the composite image with their input images, and manipulate Self-Attention values for **harmonious image composition**.
- Our method achieved significant improvement over baselines for graphic design generation and identity retention in composite image generation, and is currently **under review at CVPR 2025**.

Improving Text Generation in Diffusion Models

March 2024

Adobe Research India

- Developed a **training-free approach** to improve the visual text generation of diffusion models through aligning the intermediate self-attention maps with ground truth self-attention maps.
- We further align the Bezier curve control points extracted for the intermediate and ground truth self-attention maps, for fine-grained control.
- Delivered a version of this technology to the engineering team working with Adobe's design platform, Adobe Express.
- This work has been **accepted for patent filing**.

Quantum Algorithms for the Quadratic Eigenvalue Problem

October 2022 - May 2023

Bachelor's Thesis Project under Dr. Bibhas Adhikari

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

- Developed a novel constructive VQA to identify the **eigenvalue-eigenvector pairs** of a Quadratic Eigenvalue Problem (QEP) based on its linearisation into a Generalised Eigenvalue Problem.
- Formulated another VQA to compute the Crawford number of a matrix pencil which indicates whether a QEP is hyperbolic or not.
- Finally, devised an algorithm to solve the hyperbolic QEP by transforming it into a Standard Eigenvalue Problem, which was then solved using a quantum adaptation of the Rayleigh-Ritz quotient method.
- Our proposed VQAs offered theoretical **exponential advantage** over their classical counterparts.

Implementing Quantum Algorithms and Bell's Inequality Experiment

December 2020 - January 2021

Dr. Subroto Mukerjee

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

- Developed Qiskit code to perform the **Bell's Inequality Experiment** through cloud access on IBMQ quantum computers, demonstrating experimental proof of Bell's theorem.
- Implemented quantum circuits for **black-box problems** like Bernstein-Vazirani, Deutsch-Jozsa and Simon's algorithms.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Secured **1st rank** in my city in the All India Senior School Certificate Examination (AISSCE) 2019.
- Awarded the national Certificate of Merit by the Central Board of Secondary Education of India for being among the **top 0.1%** total candidates in Physics and Chemistry in AISSCE 2019.
- Secured **99.5 Percentile** in JEE Mains 2019 out of more than 800,000 candidates, and an **All India Rank of 5716** in JEE Advanced 2019 out of more than 100,000 candidates.
- **National Finalist** in Dr. Reddy's Digital Health Hackathon 2022.
- Awarded the **Certificate of Merit** for TERI Green Olympiad in secondary school.

Extracurricular

- Member of the **Technology Robotix Society, IIT Kharagpur**: Built a **4-Wheeled Robot** for the **Freshers' Robosoccer Challenge 2019** and finished as overall **Runner-ups**.
- Part of the **Quiz Team** in the **gold-winning** IIT Kharagpur contingent at the Inter IIT Cultural Meet 2023.
- **Editor**, The Scholars' Avenue, IIT Kharagpur's student-run media body.
- Have represented my institute in numerous national and international **Parliamentary debate** tournaments, competing all the way through to Quarter Finals and Semi Finals.
- Part of the college Girls' **Football Team**.