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## EDUCATION

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**Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**  
Bachelor of Technology

*July 2016 - Present*

## EXPERIENCE

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**Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**  
*Research Assistant*

July 2018 - Present

- Advised by Prof. RajKumar Soundrapandiyan and Dr. Dheeba Jacob.

**Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore**  
*Teaching Assistant*

Dec 2019 - Present

- TA for UG level course CSE4020 (Machine Learning) with Professor Gayathri P.

**Tessact, Mumbai**  
*Computer Vision Intern*

May 2019 - Jun 2019

- Designed a machine learning model from scratch for product recommendation using variational autoencoder.
- The algorithm scored a mean average precision value of 0.86 which on deployment led to 23 percent increase in sales for the company.

**Tata Steel, Jamshedpur**  
*Deep Learning Intern*

Jun 2018 - Jul 2018

- Trained a neural network on power grid electricity consumption data to predict the load 24 hours ahead of the actual generation.
- My work was later refined and deployed by current engineers. It is currently being used and has boosted upto 20 percent energy in the plant.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Abhinav Sagar**

Learning to Detect 3D Objects from Point Clouds in Real Time

Submitted for review - Neural Information Processing Systems 2020, Vancouver, Canada

**Abhinav Sagar**, Serge Belongie, James Davis et al

On Optimizing Human-Machine Task Assignments

AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP), San Diego, USA

**Abhinav Sagar**, Dheeba Jacob

Convolutional Neural Networks for Classifying Melanoma Images

Submitted for review - Medical Image Analysis (Elsevier)

**Abhinav Sagar**

Bayesian Neural Network via Stochastic Gradient Descent

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2020, Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning Workshop, Vienna, Austria

**Abhinav Sagar**, Rajkumar Soundrapandiyan

Semantic Segmentation With Spatial Attention For Self Driving Cars

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020, Assistive Computer Vision and Robotics Workshop, Glasgow, UK

**Abhinav Sagar**, Dheeba Jacob

On Using Transfer Learning For Plant Disease Detection

Submitted for review - Machine Vision and Applications (Springer)

**Abhinav Sagar**

Generate High Fidelity Images With Generative Variational Autoencoder

Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), Simulation and Synthesis in Medical Imaging, 2020 Workshop, Lima, Peru

## PROJECTS

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### **Retinal Image Synthesis using Variational Autoencoder**

- Designed a neural network to take into account uncertainty while generating images of retina using variational inference and local reparameterization trick.

### **Instance Segmentation for Nuclei Detection**

- Made a U-Net neural network for automatic segmentation of nucleus in microscopic images. The segmentation IOU value achieved was 0.416.

### **Cryptocurrency Price Prediction in Real Time**

- Made an algorithm for predicting cryptocurrency price using LSTM neural networks. The MAE of the model obtained was 0.028.

### **VAE GAN to Create Facial Images**

- Created fake images of people using variational autoencoder generative adversarial network using custom loss function and sampling from gaussian distribution.

### **ICC 2019 Cricket World Cup Prediction**

- Devised a random forest model to predict the winner of 2019 cricket world cup by scraping data from Crickbuzz website. The accuracy of the model obtained was 70 percent.

### **Automatic Segmentation of Ships in Satellite Images**

- Used a custom Mask R CNN algorithm to automatically identify whether a remotely sensed target is a ship or not. The algorithm obtained mean average precision value of 0.61.

### **Predicting Airbnb Prices**

- Answered business questions so that both hosts and guests can plan well in advance. Also made a Light GBM model to predict house prices. The model achieved R-Squared value of 0.632.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Attended the Nordic Probabilistic AI School at Trondheim, Norway with full travel grant.
- Ranked in the Top 30 Contestants for Flipkart Machine Learning Challenge held in Bengaluru, India.
- Participated actively in competitive programming on Spoj. My world rank currently is 3894.
- Awarded the VITEEE Scholarship for full 4 years.

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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### **Programming Languages**

Python, Java, C++, Javascript

### **Libraries**

Tensorflow, Scikit Learn, Keras, Pytorch, Numpy, OpenCV, Spark

### **Frameworks**

React, Flask, Express

### **Databases**

MySQL, MongoDB

## RELEVANT COURSES

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Data Structures and Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming, Statistics and Probability, Discrete Mathematics, Web Technologies, Java Programming, Python Programming, Multivariate Calculus, Graph Theory, Robotics, Operation Research, Open Source Programming, Numerical Methods

## REFERENCES

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