Aman Raj

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

M.S. IN ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING (Machine Learning & Data Science) 2018-2020 | GPA: 3.66/4.0

DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (DCE)

B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering 2012-2016 | Aggregate: 82.52%

SPRING MEADOWS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Class XII (CBSE) | 2012 Aggregate : 95.0%, 1^{st} in School

LINKS

Google Scholar:// Aman Raj Linkedin:// amanrajdce Github:// amanrajdce

COURSEWORK

EC-4129: Robotics & Object Tracking EC-4133: Pattern Recognition EC-401: Digital Image Processing ECE225: Prob & Stats for Data Science CSE252A: Computer Vision I ECE269: Linear Algebra and Application CSE250B: Learning Algorithms CSE291: Advances in 3D Reconstruction CSE252C: Computer Vision III CSE256: Statistical NLP

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages:

Python • C • C++ • Java • Scala • Lua

LaTeX • Matlab • Octave • Javascript

ML Frameworks/Others:
Caffe2 • PyTorch • Tensorflow • Torch
Chainer • H2O.ai • Theano • OpenCV
AWS • Git • Apache-Storm • MongoDB
Apache-Spark • SQL

TEACHING ASSISTANT

CSE12: Data Structure & OO Design

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SAMSUNG LAB | DEEPLEARNING INTERN

June 2019 - Present | Mentor: Mostafa El-Khamy

• Research and development of semi-supervised and unsupervised methods for depth estimation in images and videos in the wild.

FACEBOOK INC. | SOFTWARE ENGINEER (AI)

Aug 2016 - Aug 2018 | Mentor: Manohar Paluri, Ramesh Raskar

- Worked in **Applied Machine Learning (AML)** group. Designed and implemented distributed learning software pipeline in Caffe2 for large-scale training on images which reduced training time from days to hours.
- Worked on project **Robocodes**, which received significant media attention and awards. Responsible for algorithmic research on designing CNN based methods to extract useful information from satellite images.

SUPPLYALINC. | DATA SCIENTIST

Dec 2015 - July 2016

- Designed and implemented predictive intelligence in the company's first product Velo. Built the backend of software using H2O.ai with a mix of Scala, Java, Python.
- Skills gained in Data Analysis, Data Munging, Data Visualization, Feature Engineering, Feature Selection, developing data-centric software pipeline.

RIGHT RELEVANCE INC. | DATA SCIENCE INTERN

Dec 2015 - Feb 2016

• Fixed bugs in existing Apache-Storm topologies to improve data mining. Wrote custom rules in javascript for extraction of articles from URLs in tweets.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO

Graduate Student Researcher | Sept 2018 - Present

• Developing state-of the art semi-supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms to understand depth, motion and semantic information in videos for autonomous driving car.

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Intern | Winter: Dec 2014 | Summer: Jun 2015 - Aug 2015

- Worked in **AirLab** at Robotics Institute, research on designing novel CNN based methods for indoor and outdoor scene understanding.
- Worked on Comic Polyglot project with Prof. Bhiksha Raj in CMU IPTSE Winter School 2014, implemented a convolutional neural network-based system for detecting text ROIs in manga comic strips followed by a neural translation.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Jack Dangermond Award Best Paper 2018: for paper in ISPRS 2018.
- Best Paper Award: for "Robocodes" in CVPR 2017 workshop on Earthvision.
- Best Project Award: for "Comic PolyGlot" in CMU IPTSE Winter School 2014.
- CSSS Scholarship: by Govt. of India for undergraduate studies, 2012-2016.
- All India Rank 312: in National Science Talent Search Examination, 2012.
- Academic Excellence Award: in high school for 2011-2012 academic session.
- Selected for Inspire Science Camp by Dept. of Sci & Tech, Govt. of India in 2011.
- Silver Certificate: in HDFC Bank Meritus Scholarship, 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

- Yue Meng, Yongxi Lu, **Aman Raj**, Samuel Sunarjo, Rui Guo, Tara Javidi, Gaurav Bansal, Dinesh Bharadia. "SIGNet: Semantic Instance Aided Unsupervised 3D Geometry Perception". **CVPR 2019**, *arXiv:1812.05642*.
- Ilke Demir, Forest Hughes, **Aman Raj**, Kaunil Dhruv, Suryanarayana Murthy, Sanyam Garg, Barrett Doo, Ramesh Raskar. "A Holistic Framework for Addressing the World using Machine Learning". **CVPR 2018** workshops.
- Ilke Demir, Forest Hughes, **Aman Raj**, Kaunil Dhruv, Suryanarayana Murthy, Sanyam Garg, Barrett Doo, Ramesh Raskar. "Generative street addresses from satellite imagery". International Journal of Geo-Information, **ISPRS 2018**. (award)
- Ilke Demir, Forest Hughes, **Aman Raj**, Kleovoulos Tsourides, Divyaa Ravichandran, Suryanarayana Murthy, Kaunil Dhruv, Sanyam Garg, Jatin Malhotra, Barrett Doo, Grace Kermani, Ramesh Raskar. "Robocodes: Towards Generative Street Addresses from Satellite Imagery". **CVPR 2017** workshop on Earthvision. **(best paper award)**
- R. Rohilla, **Aman Raj**, Saransh Kejriwal, and R. Kapoor. "FPGA Accelerated Abandoned Object Detection". IEEE's International Conference on Computational Techniques in Information and Communication Technologies (ICCTICT 2016).
- Aman Raj, Daniel Maturana, and Sebastian Scherer. "Multi-Scale Convolutional Architecture for Semantic Segmentation". Robotics Institute Technical Reports. CMU-RI-TR-15-21, CMU 2015.
- N. Jayanthi, Ayush Tomar, Aman Raj, S. Indu, and Santanu Chaudhury. "Digitization of Historic Inscription Images using Cumulants based Simultaneous Blind Source Extraction". In Proceedings of ICVGIP 2014. ACM, Article 51, pp. 1-6.
- S. Indu, Ayush Tomar, **Aman Raj**, and Santanu Chaudhury. "Enhancement and Retrieval of Historic Inscription Images." In Computer Vision-**ACCV 2014** Workshops, pp. 529-541. Springer International Publishing, 2014.
- Aman Raj, P. Selvan, A. Dixit, Gaurav Bansal, H. Solanki, and F. Abbas, "Comic Polyglot", CMU IPTSE Winter School Poster Session, 2014. (best project award)

UNDERGRADUATE PROJECTS

• "FPGA Accelerated Abandoned Object Detection"

Designed a standalone system that uses a static background modeling algorithm and identifies any object lying abandoned for a given specified time. Implemented it on Xilinx FPGA board to accelerated algorithm's performance.

• "NASA Lunabotics Mining Project"

Worked in a team to develop a lunar rover to participate in NASA Lunabotics Mining Competition 2013. Designed and fabricated various electronic circuits for control and locomotion system of the rover.

• "Historical Inscriptions Extraction"

Developed an ICA based algorithm that extracts textual information from historical inscription images-containing high correlation between signal and noise. The aim was to extract and preserve such inscriptions digitally.

• "Robot Navigation System Using Xbox Kinect"

Built a navigation system for a robot using OpenCV and OpenKinect libraries, that uses disparity map along with pixel intensity calibration to compute the distance of an object/obstacle from the Xbox Kinect.

"Biometrics Security And Monitoring System"

Developed a system prototype using BeagleBone Black and RGB camera for purpose of authorizing access and remote monitoring in Robotics Lab at DTU. The system uses a combination of real-time facial recognition and activity monitoring and periodically sends this information to lab-in charge on WhatsApp.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

• Since 2018 reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Image Processing.