# Ankan Kumar Bhunia

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RESEARCH Interests Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Generative Modelling, Few-shot Learning, Sketch Generation, Document Image Analysis.

**EDUCATION** 

# University of Edinburgh, UK

2023 - Present

- PhD in the School of Informatics (Visual Computing Group)

# Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

2016 - 2020

- B.E Electrical Engineering (CGPA 8.6/10)

#### EXPERIENCE

#### MBZUAI, Abu Dhabi, UAE

November, 2020 - April, 2023

- Research Assistant at Computer Vision Lab
- Advisor: Prof. Fahad Shahbaz Khan, Prof. Salman Khan
- Research Direction: Generative models, Document analysis, Handwriting generation
- Collaborated with: Prof. Mubarak Shah, University of Central Florida, USA

# University of Manitoba, Canada

May, 2019 - August, 2019

- Research Intern under Mitacs Globalink Internship program
- Title: "Flexible deep learning models in computer vision"
- Advisor: Prof. Yang Wang, Associate Professor
- Description: I worked on one-shot scene-specific crowd counting that adapts to specific scene.

### Robert Bosch, Bangalore, India

May, 2018 - July, 2018

- Research Intern at Computer Vision Lab, RTC Department
- Title: "Synthetic to Photo-realistic Image Generation"
- Advisor: Dr. Amit Arvind Kale, Principal Senior Expert
- Description: I worked on various domain adaptation techniques and methods.

# Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee, India.

May, 2017 - june, 2020

- Advisor: Prof. Partha Pratim Roy
- Research Direction: Machine learning, computer vision, pattern recognition, document analysis
- Collaborated with: Prof. Umapada Pal, CVPR Unit, ISI-Kolkata, Dr. Alireza Alaei, Research Fellow, Griffith University, Australia.

# SELECTED RESEARCH

- [1] Amandeep Kumar, **Ankan Kumar Bhunia**, Sanath Narayan, Hisham Cholakkal, Rao Anwer, Jorma Laaksonen, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Fahad Shahbaz Khan, "Generative Multiplane Neural Radiance for 3D-Aware Image Generation", (arXiv preprint) [pdf]
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- [8] Ankan Kumar Bhunia\*, Aishik Konwer\*, Abir Bhowmik, Ayan Bhunia, Partha Roy, "Script identification in natural scene image and video frames using an attention based Convo-lutional-LSTM network", Pattern Recognition (I.F.-8.518) [pdf]
- [9] Ankan Kumar Bhunia, Ayan Bhunia, Prithaj Banerjee, Aishik Konwer, Abir Bhowmik, Partha Roy, Umapada Pal, "Word Level Font-to-Font Image Translation using Convo- lutional Recurrent Generative Adversarial Networks", ICPR, 2018 [pdf]
- [10] Ayan Bhunia, Subham Mukherjee, Aneeshan Sain, Abir Bhowmik, **Ankan Kumar Bhunia**, Partha Roy, Umapada Pal, "Indic Handwritten Script Identification Using Offline-Online Multimodal Deep Network", **Information Fusion** (I.F.-17.564) [pdf]
- [11] Ankan Kumar Bhunia, Alireza Alaei, Partha Roy, "Signature Verification Approach using Fusion of Hybrid Texture Features", Neural Computing and Application (I.F.-5.606) [pdf]
- [12] Aishik Konwer, Ayan Bhunia, **Ankan Kumar Bhunia**, Prithaj Banerjee, Partha Roy, Umapada Pal, "Staff line Removal using Generative Adversarial Networks", ICPR, 2018 [pdf]
- [13] Ayan Bhunia, Abir Bhowmick, **Ankan Kumar Bhunia**, Aishik Konwer, Partha Pratim Roy, Umapada Pal, "Handwriting Trajectory Recovery using End-to-End Deep Encoder-Decoder Network", ICPR, 2018 [pdf]

# RESEARCH AREAS

- (1) Generative Modelling: GANs, Denoising Diffusion models, VAE, Autoregressive models.
- (2) Applications of Image Generation: Creative AI-art generation, Few-shot generation, Sparse image data generation, Text-to-Image generation, Conditional GANs.
- (3) 3D vision applications: 3D generative modelling, 3D reconstruction problems.
- (4) Semi-supervised & Unsupervised Models: Few-shot image detection, Domain adaptation.
- (5) Document Image Analysis: Vision tasks for sparse image data like sketch/handwriting.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C, MATLAB, HTML/CSS Deep Learning Framework: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, Google Cloud Platform, VS Code, PyCharm

Miscellaneous: OpenCV, OpenAI gym, Numpy, Matplolib, Pandas, Scikit-Learn.

# NOTABLE DETAILS

- (1) I have over **400** citations on Google Scholar with h-index **10**.
- (2) I have published in A\* computer vision conferences (i.e. CVPR, ICCV, ECCV).
- (3) I have attended ECCV'22 conference in Tel-Aviv, Israel and presented my paper DoodleFormer.
- (4) I have served as a reviewer for TPAMI, ECCV, CVPR, WACV.
- (5) I was selected for *Mitacs Globalink Scholarship* in 2019 and had the opportunity to spend three months at University of Manitoba, Canada.

LINKS

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