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2010–2015 **B.Tech and M.Tech in Electrical Engineering**, *Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay*.  
(expected) Masters specialization in Communication and Signal Processing

## Professional Experience

- May–Jul '14 **University of Trento, Italy**, JUNIOR RESEARCH INTERN, Remote Sensing Lab.
- Applied various Unsupervised Feature Learning and Deep Learning techniques for land cover classification of multispectral remote sensing satellite images in Matlab, Python and C
  - Experimenting with different deep architectures like **Convolutional Neural Network** and **Stacked Auto-encoders** to improve classification accuracy beyond 85% by continuing it as my Dual Degree project
- May–Sep '13 **Google Summer of Code 2013**, CONTRACT DEVELOPER, scikit-image, Python Software Foundation.
- Implemented various Feature Detection algorithms like CenSure and FAST corner detector and Feature Description algorithms like BRIEF, ORB and FREAK in Python and Cython in the image processing library scikit-image
  - Finished the programme successfully with positive reviews from mentors; made **10,000+ lines** of code changes
- May–Jul '13 **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore**, SUMMER INTERN, COSMIC Lab.
- Worked on Classification and Decision Fusion of community sourced geotagged images to create a geographical heatmap that locates the Dengue and Malaria hotspots in a city
  - Used **Support Vector Machine on Vector Quantized SIFT features** in Python and C++ to probabilistically classify the image as a potential mosquito breeding site

## Key Projects

- Oct–Nov '13 **Accelerometer Biometric Competition, Kaggle.com**, *Machine Learning*.  
Finished **18<sup>th</sup> out of 633** teams in this competition that involved the identification of a user given the smartphone accelerometer data. Used good feature engineering exploiting the leakage features to achieve ROC of 96.9
- Oct–Nov '14 **Forecasting of Oil Prices using Wavelets**, *Wavelets*.  
Computed Wavelet decomposition of time-series using Daub8 wavelet; interpolated series by spline fitting. Forecasted oil prices with 81% correlation by Wavelet reconstruction using PyWavelets library in iPython
- Aug–Nov '13 **Speech Digit Recognition System**, *Speech Processing*.  
Constructed a codebook using **k-means clustering** from training data to recognize 10 spoken digits by real cepstral coefficients. Achieved 90% accuracy on the test dataset
- Aug '13 **Konnactivity, Yahoo! HACKU 2013**.  
Won **Hacker's Choice Award** for developing a web application in a team of four that enables users to discover people with similar interests by applying NLP on their Facebook Likes, Quora and Yahoo Answers activity at the 24 hour hackathon
- Mar–Apr '13 **Search Engine Features**, *Information Retrieval*.  
Implemented search engine features like **Query auto-completion**, **similar query prediction** and **spell checking**. Trained over 20 million queries collected from 650 thousand users by AOL search engine to build the system
- 2013–Present **Open Source Contributions**, *ankit-maverick*.  
Fixed bugs, added new features and improved documentation in libraries like **scikit-learn**, **scipy**, **sympy**, **SimpleCV** etc.

## Publications

1. 'Detection of potential mosquito breeding sites based on community sourced geotagged images', Ankit Agrawal; et. al., Proceedings SPIE 9089, Geospatial InfoFusion and Video Analytics IV, 2014
2. 'scikit-image: image processing in Python', van der Walt, Stefan; et. al., PeerJ, 2014 (1), art. no. e453

## Computer skills

Languages Python, C++, C, MATLAB, Java, SQL, Ruby, PHP, Verilog HDL, HTML, CSS, Javascript

Tools Linux, Android, Git, Django, Flask, OpenCV, OpenGL, numpy-scipy, scikit-learn, matplotlib, D3js,  $\LaTeX$

## Extra-Curriculars

- 2014–2015 Teaching Assistant for Advanced Computing for Electrical Engineers and Wireless and Mobile Communication
- 2013–Present Learning Languages and Traveling; beginner in German, Italian, Mandarin; been to 16 countries in Asia, Europe
- 2011–2012 Finished **1<sup>st</sup> among 24 teams** in Business Simulation Game and secured **3<sup>rd</sup> position** among 300+ participants in Virtual Stock Market by E-Cell 2012 and E-Cell 2011, IIT Bombay respectively