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Education

New York University, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences

 ${\bf September~2023-May~2025}$

Masters of Science in Computer Science

New York, United States

Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

September 2018 - May 2022

Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering 8.06/10 GPA

India

Technical Skills

Languages: C++, Python, Java, C, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, SQL

Tools: VS Code, Git, MongoDB, Heroku, Slurm, Blender

Technologies/Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Numpy, Pandas, Keras, React.js, Node.js, Singularity

Experience

Serre Lab, Brown University

July 2021 - July 2023

Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Thomas Serre

Providence, RI, USA

- Integrated deep learning techniques with the HMAX model, closely emulating primate rapid object categorization, which served as a bridge between computational methods and biological cognition insights.
- Utilized Python scripts within advanced 3D tools like Blender to systematically generate large-scale synthetic data, significantly enhancing the robustness and depth of neural network training experiences.
- Crafted and fine-tuned neural networks for predicting mouse visual cortex activity; this led to a notable 4th place
 achievement in the renowned NeurIPS 2022 Sensorium Challenge, highlighting model precision and competitive edge.

Cognitive & Neural Computation Lab, UC-Irvine

October 2021 – February 2022

Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Megan Peters

Irvine, CA, USA

- Contributed to Project CoGraph, tracing idea evolution across cognitive science, neuroscience, and computer science.
- Assisted in curating a multi-decade scientific literature database, enhancing research accessibility and depth.

Center for Computational Imaging, IIT Palakkad

August 2020 - June 2021

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Mahesh R Panicker

India

- Developed a deep learning approach for EEG emotion recognition that excels in analyzing data from varied individuals, using advanced LSTM techniques with channel attention.
- Crafted a versatile EEG analysis tool with deep learning, which streamlined the process by removing the need for manual feature engineering and demonstrated superior performance in both emotion and seizure detection tasks.

Publications

- Arjun et al., "Introducing Attention Mechanism for EEG Signals: Emotion Recognition", IEEE Engineering in Medicine Biology Society (EMBC), 2021. [Link]
- Arjun et al., "CoGraph: Mapping the Structure of the Cognitive Sciences, Neurosciences, AI", Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience (CCN), 2022. [Link]
- Arjun et al., "Subject Independent Emotion Recognition using EEG Signals Employing Attention Driven Neural Networks", Elsevier Biomedical Signal Processing and Control (BSPC). [Link]

Projects

Geo-Notes: Geographical Memory Anchor | React.js, Node.js, MongoDB, Heroku

Website | GitHub

- Designed a web platform allowing users to associate and retrieve notes based on specific geographical locations, enhancing the experience of travel and memory recall.
- Crafted using React.js for frontend, Node.js for backend, integrated with MongoDB Atlas for data storage, and fully deployed on Heroku.

Advanced Music Synthesis using Transformer Architectures | Python, Colab

GitHub

- Developed a Transformer-XL based generative model for advanced multi-instrument music composition using MIDI data available online.
- Enhanced this by integrating Hierarchical Vector Quantised Variational Autoencoder with Sparse Transformers, achieving high-fidelity raw audio synthesis on a diverse, self-curated dataset.

Leadership & Achievements

- Coordinator, Carrier Development Cell, IIT Palakkad (2019-2021).
- Ranked in the top **0.006%** of **1.2 million** aspirants, IIT JEE Advanced Entrance Examination, 2018.