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**EDUCATION** 

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, USA

Aug 2019 - Present

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• Master of Science in Computer Science (Specialization: Machine Learning) Expected Graduation: May 2021; Expected GPA: 4.0/4.0

Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi

Varanasi, India Jul 2014 - May 2018

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering

GPA: 9.20/10.0

Research Interests

Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Robotics

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

• Awarded Amazon Post-Internship Fellowship

- Travel Scholarship for Google Summer of Code Mentor Summit 2018, Google Sunnyvale
- Presented our project, Memento at Microsoft's code.fun.do SHOWCASE 2017; received Travel Scholarship
- Winner, code.fun.do 2017; hackathon conducted by Microsoft
- Runner up, code.fun.do 2016; hackathon conducted by Microsoft
- Winner, Enigma; ML hackathon conducted by CodeFest 2016 (Computer Science Fest, IIT BHU)
- Secured All India Rank 859 in IIT JEE (Advanced) 2014 among 1.5 Lakh students (among top 0.5%)
- Vibrant Academy Scholarship recipient (2012 2014)

Publications (\* denotes equal contribution)

Sim-to-Real Transfer for Vision-and-Language Navigation [paper link]

Peter Anderson, Ayush Shrivastava, Joanne Truong, Arjun Majumdar, Devi Parikh, Dhruv Batra, Stefan Lee

Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2020

- Improving Vision-and-Language Navigation with Image-Text Pairs from the Web [paper link] Arjun Majumdar, Ayush Shrivastava, Stefan Lee, Peter Anderson, Devi Parikh, Dhruv Batra European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020, Spotlight (Top 5%) ICML 2020 LaReL Workshop, Best Paper Honorable Mention
- Chasing Ghosts: Instruction Following as Bayesian State Tracking [paper link] Peter Anderson\*, Ayush Shrivastava\*, Devi Parikh, Dhruv Batra, Stefan Lee Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2019

#### Work Experience

Amazon Alexa AI Remote

Applied Scientist Intern | Superviser: Dilek Hakkani-Tür, Conversational Modelling Team May 2020 - Aug 2020

• Building agents that solve a navigation task by holding dialog with each other in a cooperative setting.

## Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Graduate Research Assistant | Superviser: Prof. Devi Parikh

Aug 2019 - Current

- Working on problems related to Embodied AI and Vision & Language
- Worked on using BERT-style models to better ground navigation instruction in 3D environments. Published at ECCV 2020.
- Transferred instruction following agents trained in simulation to robots in real world. Published at CoRL 2020.

# Georgia Institute of Technology

Visiting Research Scholar | Superviser: Prof. Devi Parikh, Prof. Dhruv Batra

Atlanta, GA

Aug 2018 - May 2019

• Worked on solving navigation instruction following in 3D environments by following an ideal agent trajectory. Published at *NeurIPS 2019*.

# Google Summer of Code 2018

Atlanta, GA

Mentor | CloudCV organisation

Apr 2018 - Aug 2018

• Mentored a student for Fabrik project. Added support for importing/exporting models from TensorFlow. Built real time collaboration feature where multiple users can edit or review the model at the same time.

## Nanyang Technological University [code]

Singapore

Research Intern | Superviser: Prof. Lam Siew Kei, Prof. Thambipillai Srikanthan

May 2017 - Jul 2017, Dec 2017

• Built fast semantic segmentation models for autonomous driving by reducing complexities in model architecture. Explored and combined different deep learning models like PSPNet and MobileNets.

#### Defence Research and Development Organization

New Delhi, India

Research Intern | Supervisor: Dr. Saibal K. Pal

May 2016 - Jul 2016

• Implementation and performance analysis of Extreme Learning Machines and its variants on object detection and blind blur detection.

## Selected Projects

- Fabrik: Build, visualize, and design neural nets in browser [http://fabrik.cloudcv.org]
  - Online collaborative platform to build, visualize and train deep learning models via a simple drag-and-drop interface; **40+ open source contributors**; **900+ stars**; **230+ forks**
- Real-time Uniform Passenger Distribution for Metro Transport Systems using Machine Learning and Fog Computing

B. Tech Thesis Project | Supervisor: Prof. Hari Prabhat Gupta

- Developed a dynamic programming solution for optimal crowd distribution of onboard passengers in metro, assuming inter-carriage travel is allowed and integrated it with fog architecture in distributed setting.
- Developed a solution to alert passengers about crowded carriages using history of crowd distribution.
- Memento: Never forget a thing! [poster] [demo]
  - Built an Android app which acts as an assistive memory. It captures images, records audio and save them in the processed form of events of a day which can be later searched and retrieved.
- Identification of User Transport using Smartphone Sensors [poster]
  - Built an app for collection of a new dataset of smartphone sensor values for transport mode detection.
  - Hierarchical classification of transport modes (stationary, walking, bicycle, motorbike, car, bus, train, airplane) using GPS, accelerometer, gyroscope sensors.

# SERVICE ROLES AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

#### Challenge Organization

• VQA Challenge

2019, 2020

• Visual Dialog Challenge

2018, 2019, 2020

#### Workshop Organization

• Visual Question Answering and Dialog Workshop

CVPR 2019, CVPR 2020

#### Teaching Assistant

• ITW1: Python and Shell Programming

Spring 2017

• CS 101: Computer Programming and Linux

Fall 2016