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Research Interests: Computer Vision, Natural language Processing & Machine Learning.

Education

- 2015–2020 **Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering**, *Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India*, Specialized in Signal Processing, Communications & Networks.
- 2009–2012 **Masters of Technology in Electrical Engineering**, *Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India*, Specialized in Communication & Signal Processing.
- 2003–2007 **Bachelor of Technology in Electronic & Tele Communication Engineering**, *National Institute of Science and Technology, Brahmapur, Orissa*.

Employment

- 2021–Present **Postdoctoral Researcher**, KU LEUVEN, working with Prof. Luc. Van Gool.
- 2021–2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, IIIT HYDERABAD, worked with Prof. C. V. Jawahar.
- 2020–2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, GOOGLE RESEARCH, worked with Dr. Gaurav Aggarwal.
- 2019–2019 **Data Scientist Intern**, MICROSOFT (R&D), worked with Dr. Mithun Dasgupta.
- 2013–2015 **Lead Engineer**, SAMSUNG R&D INSTITUTE, *Delhi, India*.
- 2012–2013 **Associate Software Engineer**, HARMAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, Pune, India.
- 2007–2009 **Assistant Software Engineer**, LARSEN & TOUBRO EMSYS LTD, *Mysore*.

Doctoral dissertation award

- 2020 **Awarded the best Doctoral Dissertation Award**, by the "Indian Unit for Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence" (IUPRAI), at ICVGIP, Jodhpur, 2020.

Journal Publication

- TIP-2021 **Badri N. Patro**, Mayank Lunayach, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Uncertainty-CAM: Visual Explanation using Uncertainty based Class Activation Maps", **IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)**, 2021.
- IVC-2021 **Badri N. Patro**, Vinod K. Kurmi, Sandeep Kumar, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "MUMC: Minimizing Uncertainty of Mixture of Cues", **Image and Vision Computing**, issn: 0262-8856, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.imavis.2021.104280>, 2021.
- Neuro-2020 **Badri N. Patro**, Dev Chauhan, Vinod K. Kurmi, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Revisiting Paraphrase Question Generator using Pairwise Discriminator", **Neurocomputing**, issn: 0925-2312, 2020, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neucom.2020.08.022>.

- PR-2020 **Badri N. Patro**, Anupriy, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Probabilistic framework for solving Visual Dialog", **Pattern Recognition**, Pages:107586, 2020.
- PR-2021 **Badri N. Patro**, Anupriy, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Adversarial Explanation : A Two-Player Game to obtain Attention for VQA", **Pattern Recognition**, 2021 (Under Revision).

Conference Publication

- ICASSP-21 Vinod K. Kurmi, Vipul Bajaj, **Badri N. Patro**, Venkatesh K Subramanian, Vinay P. Namboodiri, " Collaborative Learning to Generate Audio-Video Jointly", **IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing.(ICASSP)**, 2021.
- WACV-21 **Badri N. Patro***, G.S. Kasturi*, Ansh Jain*, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Self Supervision for Attention Networks", **Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV '21)**, 2021.
- WACV-21 **Badri N. Patro***, Mayank Lunayach, *, Deepankar Srivastav, Sarvesh, Hunar Singh, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Multimodal Humor Dataset: Predicting Laughter tracks for Sitcoms", **Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV '21)**, 2021.
- WACV-21 Vinod K. Kurmi, **Badri N. Patro**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Do not Forget to Attend to Uncertainty while Mitigating Catastrophic Forgetting", Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV '21), 2021.
- ACMMM-20 Dasgupta, Riddhiman and Tom, Francis and Kumar, Sudhir and Das Gupta, Mithun and Kumar, Yokesh and **Patro, Badri N.** and Namboodiri, Vinay, "Visually Precise Query", Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Multimedia (MM '20), Seattle, USA, 2020.
- WACV-20 **Badri N. Patro**, Vinod K. Kurmi, Sandeep Kumar, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Deep Bayesian Network for Visual Question Generation", Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV '20), Colorado, USA, 2020.
- WACV-20 **Badri N. Patro**, Shivansh Patel, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Robust Explanations for Visual Question Answering", Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV '20), Colorado, USA, 2020.
- AAAI-20 **Badri N. Patro**, Anupriy, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Explanation vs Attention: A Two-Player Game to obtain Attention for VQA", Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Hilton, New York, USA 2020.
- ICCV-19 **Badri N. Patro**, Mayank Lunayach, Shivansh Patel, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "U-CAM: Visual Explanation using Uncertainty based Class Activation Maps", International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), Seoul, South Korea, 2019.
- EMNLP-18 **Badri N. Patro**, Sandeep Kumar, Vinod K. Kurmi, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation", Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), Belgium, 2018.

- COLING-18 **Badri N. Patro***, Vinod K. Kurmi*, Sandeep Kumar*, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator", Proceedings of 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2018), Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, 2018.
- CVPR-18 **Badri N. Patro**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Differential Attention for Visual Question Answering", Proceedings of IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, 2018.
- ICACCI-14 **Badri N. Patro**, "Design and implementation of novel image segmentation and BLOB detection algorithm for real-time video surveillance using DaVinci processor", International Conference on Advances in Computing, Communications and Informatics ICACCI, pp. 1909-1915, India, Sept 2014.

Workshop Publication

- ICCVW-19 **Badri N. Patro**, Shivansh Patel, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Granular Multimodal Attention Networks for Visual Dialog", ICCV Workshop (ISV), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (8 page paper, **Oral**)
- ICCVW-19 Soumik Dasgupta, **Badri N. Patro**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Dynamic Attention Networks for Task Oriented Grounding", ICCV Workshop (ISV), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (8 page paper, **Oral**)
- ICCVW-19 **Badri N. Patro**, Sandeep Kumar, Vinod K. Kurmi, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation", ICCV Workshop (CLVL), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (4 page paper, **Spotlight**)
- ICCVW-19 **Badri N. Patro***, Vinod K. Kurmi*, Sandeep Kumar*, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator", ICCV Workshop (CLVL), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (4 page paper, **Spotlight**)
- ICCVW-19 **Badri N. Patro**, Mayank Lunayach, Shivansh Patel, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "U-CAM: Visual Explanation using Uncertainty based Class Activation Maps", ICCV Workshop (LINGIR), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (2 page paper)
- ICCVW-19 **Badri N. Patro**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Differential Attention for Visual Question Answering", ICCV Workshop (LINGIR), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (2 page paper)

Industrial and Academic Experience

- 2021–Present (Mar–today) **KU Leuven, Belgium**, *Postdoctoral Researcher*, worked with Multimedia Representation and Interaction group, Under the Supervision of Prof. Luc. Van Gool .
- Representation learning in Multimodal tasks.
 - Fairness/Robustness in Multimodal tasks.
 - Explanation for a model predictions.
- 2021–2021 (Jan–March) **IIT Hyderabad India (R&D)**, *Postdoc Researcher* , worked with Bhasha NLP group, Under the Supervision of Prof. C.V. Jawahar.
- Modeled a Multimodal Transformer for Multi-Lingual Machine translation task.
 - We use self-Supervision techniques using sentence paraphrasing.

- 2020–2021 **Google Research India**, *Postdoctoral Researcher*, worked with Vision Group on (Feb–Dec) Representation and Interpretability task, Under the supervision of Dr. Gaurav Aggarwal.
- Perturbation-based explanation techniques for Vision tasks.
 - Domain Generalisation task.
- 2019–2019 **Microsoft India (R&D) Pvt. Ltd.**, *Data Scientist Intern*, Bing-Vision Group, (May–July) Under the supervision of Dr. Mithun Dasgupta.
- Modeled a Multimodal Transformer for active tag prediction.
 - Created Multimodal Active Tag Prediction dataset.
- 2013–2015 **Samsung R&D Institute, Delhi**, *Lead Engineer*, Audio Processing and Multimedia on Tizen D2TV, Delhi, India.
- Design & develop audio processing modules for Visual Impaired people in IPTV. The Module has Dolby digital audio switching feature, audio codec switching, sub-surround sound(5.1, 2.1), language changing in live & PVOD channels of IPTV on Tizen os.
 - Designed subtitle, Teletext, and caption modules for MPEG-2 TS & rendered in D2TV.
 - Designed and implemented Forward Error Correction algorithm using RTP and RTSP on GStreamer multimedia framework in MVPD Architecture(Streaming, Player, FFmpeg Demuxer, GStreamer).
 - Worked on audio and language modules for IPTV at Samsung Electronics, **South Korea**.
- 2012–2013 **Harman International Limited**, *Associate Software Engineer*, Multimedia and Audio Processing, Pune, India.
- Designed and implemented audio post-processing algorithms (Parametric Equalizer, Doppler Effect, DRC, and SRC) for car audio acoustic system using OMAP3530 processor.
- 2007–2009 **Larsen & Toubro EmSyS Ltd, Mysore**, *Assistant Software Engineer*, DC to DC and AC to DC Power Converter Designer .
- Designed and developed an end-to-end hardware module for universal input AC-DC Power Converter using Flyback Topology.
 - Design and developed an end-to-end hardware module for DC-DC converter using Active Clamp Technology. Also, work on power controller (PD, PID) all the dc-dc modules by generating PWM signal using CPLD.

Teaching Experience

- 2019 **Tutor**, *ESC201: Introduction to Electronics*, Autumn, IIT Kanpur .
- 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *MSO201A: Probability and Statistics*, Winter, IIT Kanpur .
- 2018 **Tutor**, *ESC201: Introduction to Electronics*, Autumn, IIT Kanpur .
- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Research Lab Development Committee*, Summer, IIT Kanpur.
- 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Department Post-Graduation Committee*, Winter, IIT Kanpur.
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *ESC201: Introduction to Electronics*, Autumn, IIT Kanpur.
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *ESC201: Introduction to Electronics*, Summer, IIT Kanpur .
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *EE301A: Digital Signal processing*, Winter, IIT Kanpur.
- 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, *EE601A: Image Signal processing*, Autumn, IIT Kanpur.
- 2012 **Research Assistant**, *Texas Instrument-Digital Signal processing Lab*, IIT Bombay.

Technical Projects

- 2019 **Auto QA** , *The Question Is Not Only What, but Also Where.*
- We investigate on localization-based question answering task in the context of autonomous driving where this functionality is important.
 - We provide a new dataset, Auto-QA. Our new dataset is built over the Argoverse dataset and provides a truly multi-modal setting with seven views per frame and point-cloud LIDAR data being available for answering a localization-based question.
- 2019 **VQuAD**, *Video Question Answering Diagnostic Dataset.*
- We investigate the task of Video based Question Answering.
 - We provide a diagnostic dataset that can be used to evaluate the extent of reasoning abilities of various methods for solving this task.
- 2019 **MHD**, *Multimodal Humor Detection Dataset.*
- We Provide the Multimodal Humor Dataset (MHD), having textual dialogues with the corresponding video counterparts.
 - We present a large scale manually annotated dataset for a comprehensive multimodal understanding of visual humor.
- 2018 **GAN**, *Granular Attention Network for Visual Dialog.*
- We investigate various attention models proposed in the past. However, the scale at which attention needs to be applied has not been well examined.
 - We provide a new method Granular Multi-modal Attention, where we aim to particularly address the question of the right granularity at which one needs to attend while solving the Visual Dialog task.
- 2018 **DAN**, *Dynamic Attention Network for Task Oriented Grounding.*
- We provide a novel Dynamic Attention Network architecture for the efficient multi-modal fusion of text and visual representations which can generate a robust definition of state for the policy learner.
 - Our model assumes no prior knowledge from visual and textual domains and is an end to end trainable.
 - We show that Dynamic Attention helps in achieving grounding and also aids in the policy learning objective.

PhD Thesis Work

Title **Towards Understanding vision and language systems: Controllability, Uncertainty & Interpretability for VQA and VQG** .
Supervisors -:Prof. Vinay P. Namboodiri. (IIT Kanpur)

Description.

- Understanding vision and language system based on Visual Question Answering task, Visual question generation task, and Visual Dialog using Controllability, Uncertainty & Interpretability techniques.
- In the controllability method, we propose an exemplar base deep network for VQA and VQG. Also, we use similarity kind of exemplar concept in the loss function for paraphrase question generation.
- In the uncertainty method, we propose an uncertainty-based method to improve attention and explain answer prediction in VQA and VQG.
- In the interpretability method, we propose an adversarial explanation method to improve attention in VQA. Also, we robust the explanation method to analyze predicted answers in VQA.

Masters Thesis

Title **Real-Time Video and Image Processing for Object Tracking using DaVinci Processor.**

Supervisors -: Prof. V. Rajbabu. (IIT Bombay)

Description.

- Developed a novel segmentation-based BLOB detection algorithm for target tracking using DaVinci Multimedia DSP Processor(DM6437) for the fixed surveillance camera.
- Developed a novel object detection-based algorithm to solve the target tracking problem. This algorithm is based on the segmentation of Binary Large Objects based on Neighborhoods pixels.
- The segmented objects are tracked using the Center of the mass-based tracking algorithm.
- The algorithm is demonstrated for multiple ball tracking using DaVinci Multimedia DSP Processor(DM6437) for a fixed surveillance camera.

Bachelor Project

Title **Bit Error Rate Analysis of Multi-Carrier CDMA.**

Supervisors -: Rakesh Roshan — Electronics & Telecommunications, NIST.

Description.

In this project, we have derived bit error rate for multi-path frequency selective fading with Gaussian noise for Multi Code-Multi Carrier-CDMA.

Course Projects

- 2016 Visual Question Answering.(Computer Vision)
- 2016 Object Recognition and Localization.(Selected Topics of Image Processing)
- 2016 Direction of Arrival Based Spatial Co-variance Model For Blind Source Separation. (Speech Signal Processing)
- 2016 Robust Video Stabilization Based on Particle Filter Tracking of Projected Camera Motion. (Video Processing)
- 2011 Run length encoding, Barrel Shifter, floating point adder & Bus behavior design Projects using VHDL and Verilog. (VLSI Design Lab)
- 2010 SENSE: Sensitive Encoding technique for Fast MRI using Back Projection. (Medical Image Processing)
- 2010 An Semi-Autonomous, External Command Reading White line Follower Robot. (Embedded System-Robotics)
- 2010 Adaptive Beamforming using microphone array for hands-free Telephony with the help of generalized side lobe technique. (Adaptive Signal Processing)
- 2010 Detection of Duplicate Forgery in Handwritten Signature using Statistical DWT & EDM.(Wavelet Transform)
- 2009 Frequency Code(LFM) and Phase code(Barker code) Pulse Compression Techniques in Mono Pulse Radar.(Digital Signal Processing)

Industrial Workshops

- 2017 Summer school on advance computer vision using Deep learning (DL for vision and language, DL for videos, object detection, semantic segmentation, Domain Adaption, and advances in 3D (IIITH).
- 2017 Summer School on Machine Learning using Deep Learning (Optimization for DL, GAN, VAE, DL for RL and game theory)(IIITH).
- 2016 Mysore Park Workshop on Vision, Language and AI (Video Caption, guided LSTM, GAN, Adversarial auto-encoders, reinforcement learning, deep contextual models)(VLAI 2016, Mysore).
- 2016 Summer School on computer vision using Deep Learning(CNN, RNN, Auto-encoder, optimization for DL, Symbolic DL & Face, Pose and Egocentric action recognition, model compression)(IIITH).
- 2012 Audio Engineering(Acoustics, Recording, Broadcasting Technology, Surround Sound, Microphones& Speakers) & Audio Post Processing (Harman International).

Academic Talks/Seminars

- 2020 Delivered presentation on "Towards Understanding Vision and Language Systems: Controllability, Uncertainty and Interpretability for VQA and VQG" at CDS, **IISC** Bangalore, India.
- 2020 Delivered presentation on Explanation vs Attention: A Two-Player Game to Obtain Attention for VQA' at **AAAI** in Hilton, Newyork USA.
- 2019 Presented poster on 'U-CAM: Visual Explanation using Uncertainty based Class Activation Maps' at **ICCV** conference in Seoul, South Korea.
- 2019 Delivered oral presentation on 'Dynamic Attention Networks for Task Oriented Grounding' at **ICCV ISV** workshop in Seoul, South Korea.
- 2019 Delivered spotlight presentation on 'Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation' at **ICCV CLVL** workshop in Seoul, South Korea.
- 2019 Delivered spotlight presentation on 'Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator' at **ICCV CLVL** workshop in Seoul, South Korea.
- 2019 Delivered Poster presentation on Differential Attention for Visual Question Answering' at **ICCV ISV** workshop in Seoul, South Korea.
- 2018 Presented Poster on Visual Question Answering in **ICVGIP** conference at Hyderabad (India).
- 2018 Delivered talks on 'Computer Vision and Image Processing' at "TEQIP training session", IIT Kanpur(India)
- 2018 Presented poster on 'Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator' at **COLING** conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.
- 2018 Presented poster on 'Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation' at **EMNLP** conference in Brussels, Belgium.
- 2018 Presented Poster on 'Differential Attention Network Visual Question Answering' at **CVPR** conference in Salt Lake City, Utha, USA.

- 2018 Delivered State-of-the-Art seminar on 'Visual Question Answering and Visual Question Generation' at Electrical Engineering **IIT Kanpur**
- 2017 Presented poster on Visual Question Answering in **Advance Computer Vision using Deep Learning** at IIIT Hyderabad (India).
- 2016 Delivered talks on '**Basics of Deep Learning Platforms (Torch, Caffe, Keras, Tensorflow)**' at IIT Kanpur (India)

Industrial Presentation

- 2014 MPEG-2 Transport Stream Standard (ISO/IEC-13818-1)– PAT, PMT, Descriptor, Section, TS, PES and ES information (Samsung R&D)
- 2014 ATSC System Information Standard–A/53 part-1, A/65 and CEA-708,608 for Close Caption Decoder (Samsung R&D)
- 2014 DVB Service Information Standard –EN 300468 and EN-300743 Subtitle Decoder (Samsung R&D)
- 2013 Digital Audio Processing–Audio Representation, Compression, Microphones, and Speakers module and Audio post processing (Samsung R&D)
- 2013 Forward Error Correction Techniques– Uneven Length Protection(Samsung R&D)
- 2012 DSP algorithm and Filter Design– FIR/IIR digital filter and transform technique(DFT, DCT, DST, FFT and Wavelet) (Harman International)

Github

- 2021 **Multimodal Humor Dataset: Predicting Laughter tracks for Sitcoms.**
<https://delta-lab-iitk.github.io/Multimodal-Humor-Dataset/>
- 2020 **Robust Explanations for Visual Question Answering.**
<https://github.com/Delta-Lab-IITK/CCM-WACV>
- 2020 **Explanation vs Attention: A Two-Player Game to Obtain Attention for VQA.**
<https://delta-lab-iitk.github.io/TwoPlayer/>
- 2019 **PDUN:Probabilistic framework for solving Visual Dialog.**
<https://delta-lab-iitk.github.io/PDUN/>
- 2019 **U-CAM: Visual Explanation using Uncertainty based Class Activation Maps.**
<https://delta-lab-iitk.github.io/U-CAM/>
- 2018 **Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation.**
<https://badripatro.github.io/MDN-VQG/>
- 2018 **Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator.**
<https://badripatro.github.io/Question-Paraphrases/>
- 2018 **Differential Attention for Visual Question Answering.**
<https://badripatro.github.io/DVQA/>

Technical skills

Deep learning Pytorch, Torch, Tensorflow.

Language : Lua, Python, C, C++, VHDL, Verilog, MATLAB.

Processor : DM6437, DM6467, OMAP3530, C5510, MSP430, PIC, u8059.

Tools : Source Insight, L^AT_EX, Rhapsody, Perforce, Beyond Compare.

IDE : Code Composer Studio, Xilinx, GHDL, Icurus Verilog, Keil, Sublime.

Analyzer : Audacity, Praat audio analysis, Eagle, Pspice.

Student Volunteer Awards

2019 Received Student Volunteer Award from ICCV 2019.

2018 Received Student Volunteer Award from EMNLP 2018.

2018 Received Student Volunteer Award from CVPR 2018.

Travel Grant Awards

2020 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from WACV for WACV 2020.

2020 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from IIT Kanpur India for WACV 2020.

2020 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from Google India for AAAI 2020.

2020 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from Microsoft India for AAAI 2020.

2019 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from ICCV for ICCV 2019.

2019 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from IIT Kanpur for ICCV 2019.

2018 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from EMNLP for EMNLP 2018.

2018 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from ACM India for EMNLP 2018.

2018 Received Partial Conference Travel Grant from Microsoft India for EMNLP 2018.

2018 Received Conference Travel Grant from IIT Kanpur for COLING 2018.

2018 Received Conference Travel Grant from Google India for CVPR 2018.

2017 Selected in Quiz competition in Deep learning summer school for Computer Vision.

2017 Selected in Quiz competition in Deep learning summer school for Machine Learning.

Professional Service

2019 Participated in Amazon Research Days at Bangalore sponsored by Amazon India.

2018 Served as a reviewer in conferences (such as CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, NeurIPS, ICLR, AAAI, ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, BMVC, WACV, ICVGIP, NCVPRIPG)

2018 Served as a reviewer in Journals (such as Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (T-PAMI), Transactions-Image Processing (T-IP), Pattern Recognition(PR))

2017 Participated in ACM-MSR Summit 2018 at IIITH sponsored by Microsoft India

2016 Participated in the Mysore Park workshop on Vision, Language and AI, sponsored by Google and Infosys.
