

# Dhruv Kohli

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2018-2020 Master of Science in Computational Science, Mathematics and Engineering.  
**University of California, San Diego**  
GPA - 4.00
- 2012-2016 Bachelor of Technology in Mathematics and Computing.  
**Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati**  
GPA - 9.06 / 10, Department Rank 2 / 54

### Work Experience

- 06/2018- Software Development Engineer Intern,  
09/2018 **Amazon.com Services, Inc.**, Sunnyvale (USA)
- Benchmarked recommendation algorithms including Generalized Matrix Factorization, Neural Matrix Factorization and Hierarchical Recurrent Neural Network with the objective of improving cache-hit (recall).
- 06/2016- Software Engineer, Advanced Technology Lab - Multimedia Division  
03/2017 **Samsung Research Institute**, Bangalore (India)
- Developed a deep hierarchical network invariant to rotation of objects in the input image with two times better cross-dataset accuracy than conventional CNN on mnist-rot.
  - Implemented video temporal segmentation as a core component of video summarization, based on affinity propagation and sequential determinantal point process.
- 05/2015- Research Intern, Cloud and Information Services Lab Group  
07/2015 **Microsoft Research**, Bangalore (India)
- Worked on real-time detection of issues in high-dimensional performance counter time series data with the aim of detecting the time of the issue and the subset of counters which caused the issue.
  - Modeled the data using a time-varying gaussian distribution whose mean and covariance had sparse dictionary based representations that were learned automatically, and the sparse codes were constrained to be temporally dependent.
- 05/2014- Software Developer, Google Summer of Code  
08/2014 **International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility**
- Worked on real-time vectorization of brain atlases.
  - Developed an open source software "mindthegap" that vectorizes bitmaps without introducing gaps or overlaps between adjacent regions. [\[Link\]](#)
  - Added services on scalable brain atlas website, enabling researchers to view the region contours of various brain atlases generated by mindthegap. [\[Link\]](#)

## Projects

### 10/2017- Mini-Projects Based on Original Ideas

- 04/2018
- o Devised and implemented a diversity promoting prior based on Determinantal Point Process to promote diversity among filters in a convolutional layer. [\[Code\]](#)
  - o Implemented a layer to compute Mobius transformation of dense layer. [\[Code\]](#)
  - o Fitted Bezier surfaces to digital images to represent them as 2D analog signals. [\[Code\]](#)
  - o Devised and implemented a method to represent fractals acoustically. [\[Code\]](#)

### 08/2015- Thesis: Reasoning, Attention and Memory based Machine Learning Models

04/2016 Advisor: *Prof. Amit Sethi*

Performed a survey on deep learning models for sequence to sequence learning and on RAM based machine learning models with emphasis on Neural Turing Machines and End to End Memory Networks. Implemented the former from scratch in theano. [\[Link\]](#)

## Publications

**Dhruv Kohli**, Jeffrey M. Rabin, *Asymmetric Expansion preserves Hyperbolic Convexity*, (Submitted).

**Dhruv Kohli**, Jeffrey M. Rabin, *Symmetric Expansion preserves Hyperbolic Convexity and Symmetric Contraction preserves Spherical Convexity*, Journal of Geometry, Volume 110 Article 40, 2019. [\[Link\]](#)

**Dhruv Kohli**, Biplob Ch Das, Viswanath Gopalakrishnan, Kiran Nanjunda Iyer, *Learning Rotation Invariance in Deep Hierarchies using Circular Symmetric Filters*, International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing, 2017. [\[Link\]](#)

**Dhruv Kohli**, Viswanath Gopalakrishnan, Biplob Ch Das *Maximizing Margin Lower Bound in Deep Nonlinear Networks*. [\[Link\]](#)

## Awards and Honors

- 2017 Ranked 18 across country in entrance exam for Master in Statistics organized by Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2014 Ranked 1 across the country in CUDA Coding Challenge India organized by Nvidia in High Performance Computing Conference. [\[Code\]](#)[\[Link\]](#)
- 2014 Ranked 2 in ML module of Kriti, Intra-College Technical Competition. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2012 Ranked 2076 out of 600,000 students in IIT Joint Entrance Exam.
- 2012 Recommended for KVPY (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana) Fellowship.

## Skills

Prog. Lang. Python, C++, CUDA, MATLAB, R

ML Libs Keras, Tensorflow

Others Git, LaTeX

## Relevant Coursework

U.Graduate Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistical Inference, Stochastic Processes, Complex Analysis, Machine Learning, Parallel Computing. [\[Link\]](#)

Graduate Differential Geometry, Nonlinear Optimization, Convex Analysis and Optimization, Quantum Mechanics, Knot Theory, Topology.