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Examination	University	Institute	Year	CPI/%
Post-graduation	IIT Kanpur	IIT Kanpur	2023	9.66
Graduation	IIT Bombay	IIT Bombay	2021	8.57
Intermediate $/ +2$	MSBSHSE	Anglo Urdo Boy's High School	2017	89.85
Matriculation	MSBSHSE	Rosary High School	2015	94.20

# **SUMMARY**

#### Cognitive Science Research Experience

• 2022-ongoing	MS Thesis: Demonstrated the existence of a non-index based model of multiple object tracking
• Spring 2022	Designed an experiment to investigate the disruption of same-object advantage
	due to top-down vs bottom-up influences

• Spring 2022 Term Paper on Homuncular Functionalism

## Computer Science Projects

• Spring 2021	Development of a Tangram Solver using heuristics and CSP-solvers
• Spring 2021	dense-numericals: basic-math high-performance numerical computing library for Common Lisp
• Spring 2021	Analysis of Bakery Algorithm using nuSMV
• Summer 2020	A minimal-overhead simple-distributed-tracer for optimizing ROS-like frameworks (internship)
• Autumn 2020	Comparison of commonly used link-prediction algorithms against Adversarial Attacks
• Spring 2020	Python 2 to 3 migration and bug-fixing for BodhiTree as part of a team
• Spring 2020	Implementation of Inferencing in a Conditional Random Field for Named Entity Recognition
• Autumn 2019	Satellite to non-Satellite Image Conversion using cGANs
• Summer 2019	Binary sentiment prediction from movie reviews
• Autumn 2018	Encrypted Secure Cloud Storage with client-only keys

## Common Lisp and Emacs Key Projects

• 2019-ongoing	py4cl2 and py4cl2-cffi: Python libraries for Common Lisp through IPC before and CFFI now
$\bullet$ 2020-ongoing	dense-arrays: strided dense arrays for copy-free slicing, and interchangeable backends
$\bullet$ 2020-ongoing	polymorphic-functions: compile-time optimizable type-based dispatch functions
• 2020	smart-god-mode: combat RSI by sticky Ctrl and Meta keys, avoid Vi's mode switching annoyance
• 2021	emacs-noob: an init.el with non-emacsy key-bindings for non-emacs users

## Teaching Experience

• Spring 2022	Graduate Teaching Assistant for the course Computational Tools for Cognitive Science
• Autumn 2017	Teaching mathematics and information-technology as part of an NGO (LCCWA)

# Other Projects and Initiatives

$\bullet$ 2022-ongoing	Part of a team for Cognitive Science Opportunities Portal
• 2019	KNOWledge Transfer NETwork: a collection of best useful links on the internet
• 2017-2019	alters choolindia: an attempt at a supplementary/alternative school curriculum for ages 10-14
• 2017-2018	Provision of unsolved past-year question papers for JEE Advanced

#### Non-indexed based Computational Model of Multiple Object Tracking in humans

2022-ongoing

Prof. Nisheeth Srivastava

MS Thesis

- Developed a computational model of Multiple Object Tracking without the use of Visual Indexes in Python
- Accounted for previously known patterns of tracking performance in literature without making an apriori commitment to ID performance, and provided an in-principle answer to a question open since 2004
- Developed a heuristic for ID performance and obtained the empirical pattern of tracking vs ID performance

### Investigating the disruption of Same-Object Advantage

Prof. Devpriya Kumar (self-study course project)

Spring 2022

- Performed a **power analysis** and **designed an experiment** to tease apart whether the disappearance of sameobject advantage was due to a **disruption of object-representations** or due to **competing reaction times**.
- Conducted a pilot study to check the effectiveness of the design

#### Homuncular Functionalism

Spring 2022

Prof. Narayanan Srinivasan (term paper as part of course)

Philosophical Investigations

- Summarized Lycan's arguments against Machine Functionalism to motivate Homuncular Functionalism
- Developed an argument for why a computer simulation of consciousness can be different from actual consciousness
- Refuted Figdor's critique pertaining to the (in)sufficiency of properties of wholes explained by properties of parts

#### Tangram Solver using CSP

Spring 2021

Prof. Shivaram Kalyanakrishnan

RnD Project Course

- Worked in a team of two to formulate Tangram Solving as a Constraint Satisfaction Problem
- Used **opency** to obtain contours from noisy grayscale tangram images for use in further stages of processing
- Solved 77% of the 78 contours in at most 1 second by employing heuristics in the split-search procedure

#### **KEY PROJECTS & INTERNSHIPs**

### Numerical Computing Library for dense-arrays: dense-numericals

Spring 2021

Prof. Shivasubramanian Gopalakrishnan (Course Project)

High Performance Scientific Computing

- Implemented C functions to efficiently operate on strided representations of vectors using SIMD operations including transcendental functions like sin, cos, tan provided by sleef and intel intrinsics
- Used foreign function interface to access these from Common Lisp to operate on multidimensional strided arrays
- Obtained performance comparable to numpy and torch using lparallel for comparing with torch

#### [INTERNSHIP] Optimization of ROS-like frameworks (Sony [Japan])

July 2020 – August 2020

- Developed a simple distributed tracer to obtain trace information with minimal throughput degradation
- Used nodelets and ZeroMQ to attempt a decrease in the publishing overheads of the framework

# Analysis of Bakery Algorithm using nuSMV

Spring 2021

Prof. Ashutosh Gupta

Analysis of Concurrent Programs

- Implemented n-threaded Lamport's Bakery Protocol in nuSMV to study simultaneous access of critical section
- Checked safety & liveness for 2, 3 and 4 threads; studied various sections of the algorithm by introducing bugs

## Satellite to non-Satellite Image Conversion using cGANs

Autumn 2019

Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan (Course Project)

Foundations of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

- $\bullet \ {\bf Trained} \ a \ {\bf cGAN} \ comprising \ of \ a \ {\bf patchGAN} \ {\bf discriminator} \ and \ a \ {\bf U-net} \ {\bf generator} \ to \ achieve \ the \ conversion$
- Using Inception Score as the metric to compare & analyze the performance of different variants of the model

#### Adversarial Attacks on Graphs

Autumn 2020

Prof. Abir De (Course Project)

Learning with Graphs

- Compared link-prediction algorithms such as Adamic Adar, Katz against adversarial attacks like Closed Triad Removal, Open Triad Creation using common evaluation metric like mean average precision (MAP)
- Identified a recurring problem in attack algorithms wherein targeting the similarity score not affecting MAP

#### Conditional Random Field for Named Entity Recognition

Spring 2020

Prof. Soumen Chakrabarti (Course Project)

Organization of Web Information

- Implemented inferencing to obtain the best label sequences corresponding to the named entities
- Using softmax, attempted to improve macro averaged F1 score by introducing an auxiliary loss term

- Worked on an ongoing effort towards migrating a **40k LoC codebase** from **Django** 1 to 2, and python 2 to 3, qualifying url names by namespaces, removing deprecated functions, and managing the semantic change of strings
- Used magit, grep and find to aid code merges that arose with the parallel development of the main branch

## KEY EMACS and COMMON LISP PROJECTS

#### dense-arrays – strided dense arrays

March 2020 - present

- Implemented an efficient array-class metaclass using polymorphic-functions to reduce slot-access times
- Provided a protocol for implementing dense-arrays with multiple backends including CUDA with cl-cuda
- Benefits over native common lisp arrays include a **cleaner more detailed display** and **zero-cost slicing** facilities through the use of **multidimensional strides** and **offsets**; and a **richer aref**

#### polymorphic-functions – type-based dispatch functions for Comon Lisp

September 2020 – present

- Provided **polymorphic-functions** and **polymorphs** for dispatching on specialized array types
- Made available adhoc and subtype with support for optional and keyword argument dispatch
- Implemented zero-runtime-cost static and inline dispatch possible portably using cl-form-types
- Used compiler-macros to provide relevant user-oriented messages for compile time optimization help

#### smart-god-mode – a smart "dumb" modal editing mode for emacs

January 2020

- Extended emacs' god-mode package that provides one more vim-like modal editing in emacs to prevent RSI
- Engaged in metacognition to enable seamless automatic switching between the insertion & command modes

#### common-lisp.rtfd.io – easier documentation for defacto common-lisp libraries

March 2020 – present

- Used regular expressions to implement an ASDF system to parse documentation strings into a markdown file
- Worked towards **simplifying the official documentation** to obtain a more friendly **getting started** sections on several libraries like postmodern, quicklisp, asdf, cl-ppcre; currently hosting **10+ libraries** using **mkdocs**

#### emacs-noob – beginner-oriented init.el for emacs

Jan 2021 – presen

- Provided a init.el designed for using emacs for common lisp without learning emacs key-bindings
- $\bullet \ \text{Used} \ \textbf{tabbar-mode}, \ \textbf{goto-chg}, \ \textbf{company-mode} \ \text{to provide out-of-the-box support for } \mathbf{SLIME} \ \text{for common lisp}$

## py4cl2 – python libraries for common lisp

June 2019 – present

- $\bullet \ \textbf{Imported python function signatures} \ \text{and enabled } \textbf{asynchronous output} \ \text{in an } \textbf{open source} \ \text{project py4cl}$
- $\bullet \ \ \text{Obtained a $\textbf{30-times speed up} in large array transfers using pickling; also array-element-type preservation }$
- ullet Used **semaphores** and **macros** to construct **with-python-output** to obtain python output as a string
- Enabled embed-ability into lisp image by storing the python part of py4cl2 into a variable
- Improved documentation and started versioning and maintaining releases; currently a maintainer of py4cl2

#### OTHER PROJECTS

## Sentiment Prediction from Movie Reviews

Summer 2019

- ullet Used ullet user sentiments from movie reviews using keras and numpy
- Obtained 88% accuracy on IMDB movie review dataset using a multi-layer perceptron

# $Know TNet-a\ collection\ of\ best\ useful\ links\ from\ the\ internet$

December 2019

- Used hunchentoot, parenscript, clsql (ORM), cl-markup to implement the full stack
- Used argon2 to hash passwords in a GPU & ASIC resistant manner; provided abilities for persistent login
- ullet Also implemented a reduced feature version of the website using  ${f JAMStack}$  using  ${f local}$  storage and  ${f React}$

# Secure Personal Cloud

3D Tic Tac Toe

Autumn 2018

Prof. Soumen Chakrabarti (course project)

Software Systems Lab

- Developed an encrypted cloud storage with client-only keys stayed to provide true data privacy using **Django**
- Used node.js, and browserify to implement decryption on the webclient using CryptoJS library.
- $\bullet$  Used the bash tools  $\mathbf{curl}$ ,  $\mathbf{inotifywait}$  to create a linux-client, with  $\mathbf{single\text{-}client}$   $\mathbf{livesync}$  capabilities

# Prof. Amitabha Sanyal (course project)

Abstractions and Paradigms of Programming

- Encapsulated and abstracted the board using object oriented programming
- Used higher ordered functions to implement a function to determine whether the current state is a win.
- Implemented **minimax algorithm** as the AI agent in the game.
- Used racket/gui library to implement the game as 4 2d Boards and git for version control.

Prof. Ashwin Gumaste (course project)

Digital Logic Design

- Implemented Contention Resolution and Switching module of a router in VHDL using Xilinx ISE
- Created and implemented state diagrams for reading and writing data to FIFO based Virtual Output Queues
- Used Separate Virtual Output Queues for each input port to avoid head of line blocking
- Implemented round-robin based state diagrams for Arbiter for scheduling while accounting for express ports

## **Android Development**

Summer 2019

- Added a **tablet mode** to the android app **bVNC** (a VNC viewer application), using **onTouchEvent**, to provide simultaneous support for **single finger scroll**, **long tap and drag** to select and **long tap** to right click
- Added unicode math symbols and del key to the open source android app Hacker's Keyboard

Miscellaneous 2017-20

- Implemented Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland in racket to solve the boolean satisfiability problem
- Used **Deterministic Finite Automata** to construct a regular expression matcher
- Experimented with multithreading in Java to determine when multithreading is useful
- reader lisp library for providing reader macros for lambdas, hash-tables, hash-sets, accessors, arrays.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

• Within national top 1% in Cognitive Science Joint Entrance Test (COGJET)	(2021)
• Selected for Chennai Mathematical Institute's B. Sc. (Honours) Mathematics Course	(2017)
• Secured AIR 700 amongst 2 lakh candidates in JEE (Advanced)	(2017)
• Secured AIR 1120 amongst 1.2 million candidates in JEE (Mains)	(2017)
• Within national top 1% in National Standard Examination in Physics	(2017)
• Selected for the award of scholarship in National Talent Search Examination	(2015)
• Selected for the award of scholarship in Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana	(2015)

## KEY COURSES

Philosophy	Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophical Investigations (Philosophy of Mind)	
Cognitive Science	Introduction to Psychology, Human Cognitive Processes, Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience, Neuroscience of Learning & Memory, Computational Cognitive Science, Topics in Visual Perception*	
Machine Learning	Data Analysis & Interpretation, Learning with Graphs, Organization of Web Information, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Foundations of Intelligent & Learning Agents	
System & Softwares	Software Systems Lab, Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Analysis of Concurrent Programs, Operating Systems, Foundations of Network Security & Cryptography, Computer Architecture	
Others	Economics, Environmental Ethics	
	*would be completed by April 2022	

## **OTHERS**

• Poster Presentation on Multiple Object Tracking without Indexes at the ACCS-10 conference	(2022)
• Teaching Assistant for a Programming Course at the Cognitive Science Department: conducted	(2022)
tutorial sessions and evaluated assignments while accounting for students with diverse technical	
and non-technical background	
• Discovered RAM Manager for Magisk to fix aggressive app killing on android	(2019)
• 1200+ Karma on r/lisp; 466 reputation on Stackoverflow; 171 reputation on AskUbuntu	(2017-ongoing)
• Tinkered with Custom ROMs and rooting, to extend the useable life of my smartphone	
and tablet	(2017-19)
• Compiled a list of <b>Learning Points</b> from the <b>anime</b> Digimon Adventures and Naruto	(2017-19)
$ \bullet \ {\bf Created} \ a \ {\bf repository} \ of \ free \ {\bf JEE} \ {\bf Advanced} \ {\bf Unsolved} \ {\bf papers} - {\bf solved} \ are \ available \ everywhere $	(2017-19)
• Under National Social Service scheme: taught underprivileged kids at an NGO (LCCWA);	
recorded hindi news audio books, as part of Voice for Purpose	(2017-18)
$\bullet$ Studied $\mathbf{myopia}$ to understand its cause and methods of prevention / cure	(2017)