

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Austin, USA

Aug 2023 - Present

- *Advisor*: Roberto Martín-Martín

Columbia University

Masters of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 4.02/4.00

New York, USA

Sep 2021 - May 2023

- *Advisor*: Shuran Song
- *Selected Coursework*: Robot Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Computational Aspects of Robotics, Self-supervised Learning, Advanced Algorithms, Computer Vision, Fundamentals of Distributed Systems

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad

Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology, GPA: 9.17/10

Prayagraj, India

Jul 2015–Jul 2019

- *Selected Coursework*: Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Image Processing, Data Structures and Algorithms, Linear Algebra, Convex Optimization, Probability and Statistics

PUBLICATIONS

ScrewMimic: Bimanual Imitation from Human Videos with Screw Space Projection

Arpit Bahety, Priyanka Mandikal, Ben Abbatematteo, Roberto Martín-Martín

RSS 2024, [Webpage](#)

Outstanding Student Paper Award Finalist

BaRiFlex: A Robotic Gripper with Versatility and Collision Robustness for Robot Learning

Gu-Cheol Jeong, Arpit Bahety, Gabriel Pedraza, Ashish D. Deshpande, Roberto Martín-Martín

IROS 2024, [Webpage](#)

REFLECT: Summarizing Robot Experiences for Failure Explanation and Correction

Zeyi Liu*, Arpit Bahety*, Shuran Song

CoRL 2023, [Webpage](#)

Bag All You Need: Learning a Generalizable Bagging Strategy for Heterogeneous Objects

Arpit Bahety*, Shreeya Jain*, Huy Ha, Nathalie Hager, Benjamin Burchfiel, Eric Cousineau, Siyuan Feng, Shuran Song

IROS 2023, [Webpage](#)

Automatic quantification and visualization of street trees

Arpit Bahety, Rohit Saluja, Ravi Kiran Sarvadevabhatla, Anbumani Subramanian, C. V. Jawahar

Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing, 2021, [Paper](#)

An approach to computational creation of insight problems using CreaCogs principles

Arpit Bahety, Ana-Maria Olteteanu

7th International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Cognition, 2019, [Paper](#)

Towards a multi-level exploration of human and computational re-representation in unified cognitive frameworks

Ana-Maria Olteteanu, Mikkel Schöttner, Arpit Bahety,

Frontiers in Psychology, [Paper](#)

*indicates equal contribution

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Robot Interactive Intelligence (Robin) Laboratory

Advised by Prof. Roberto Martín-Martín

Austin, Tx

Aug 2023 - Present

- Research on exploring how to use large-scale human video datasets to learn low-level control policies for robots.

Columbia Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR) Laboratory

Advised by Prof. Shuran Song

New York, NY

Oct 2021 - June 2023

- Research on deformable object manipulation. Implementing the first real-world, generalized bagging strategy using UR5 robots.
- Research on failure summarization and re-planning in long-horizon tasks performed by a robot.

Centre for Visual Information Technology (CVIT) Laboratory, IIT-Hyderabad

Advised by Prof. C. V. Jawahar, Prof. Ravi Kiran Sarvadevabhatla, Prof. Rohit Saluja

Hyderabad, India

Jan 2021 - Sep 2021

- Research in computer vision. Implemented a real-world system to quantify and visualize street trees

Creative Cognitive Systems group (CreaCogs), Freie Universität Berlin

Advised by Dr. Ana-Maria Olteteanu

Berlin, Germany

Jan 2019 - July 2019

- Research on understanding creative capabilities in humans. Created a framework to generate solve insight problems (one category of creative problem-solving in humans)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Computational Aspects of Robotics

Spring 2022

Columbia University

- Holding office hours and answering questions on Ed
- Refactoring and documenting homeworks and automated grading scripts
- Grading assignments

Teaching Assistant

Neural Networks and Deep Learning

Fall 2021

Columbia University

- Holding office hours and answering questions on Ed
- Discussing and mentoring students for course projects
- Refactoring and helping create questions for exams
- Grading assignments and exams

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Citigroup

Software Development Engineer

Pune, India

Sep 2019 - Dec 2020

- Developed voice assistance for an application that required users to perform a manual search and drag-and-drop actions. Increased user efficiency by 75%
- Created an offline hot-word detection model using Tensorflow.js. Built a speech-to-text model (in Python and Angular) using DeepSpeech. Fine-tuned the Language & the Acoustic model to incorporate Citi-specific words.

OTHER PROJECTS

Learning from Play for Deformable Object Manipulation

Arpit Bahety, [PDF](#)

Jan - May 2022

As part of COMS 6998: Self-supervised Learning

- Developed a framework for playful interactions with deformable objects to learn visual representations. Then learn task-specific linear heads on top of the representation
- Run experiments to assess the effectiveness of playful interactions for downstream deformable object manipulation tasks

Covid19 mRNA Vaccine Degradation Prediction

Arpit Bahety, [Kaggle](#)

Aug - Oct 2020

Bronze Medal, Kaggle

- Modeled a Graph Convolutional Network with nucleotides as nodes and bonds as edges. Created another model based on Attention & RNN. Combined them to predict the stability of a mRNA sequence
- Performed Denoising Autoencoder pre-training which enabled me to use test data too. Used output of the encoder part of the Autoencoder as input to the Attention + RNN model

Hand Gesture based Human-Robot Interaction

Jul-Dec 2018

Arpit Bahety, Ankur Dengla, [PDF](#)

As part of Deep Learning, IIIT-A

- Developed a 3D CNN model to recognize gesture in the form of videos. Trained it on the 20BN-Jester dataset. Eight gesture classes used. Top 1 validation accuracy of 96.784 % & Top 1 test accuracy of 96 %
- Incorporated the model with Nao Robot where Nao responds to the gestures appropriately

GitRate: a Web Application for rating GitHub Profile

Jan-Mar 2018

Arpit Bahety*, Gaganjeet Reen*, [Video](#)

- A web application summarizing and rating GitHub profiles to aid in candidate selections for hackathons and for company Recruitments
- Trained a neural network for predicting the score of a user/group of users. Main features for the neural network are - Stars, forks, commits to repository, number of followers, following, open-source commits
- Recommendations on how to improve your GitHub profile

HONORS AND AWARDS

Course Assistant Fellowship, Columbia University

Jan 2022

Bronze, OpenVaccine Kaggle challenge

Oct 2020

Captain of Boys Tennis & Basketball Team, IIIT-Allahabad,

2017-2019

Member of Music Society, IIIT-Allahabad,

2016-2019

Gold, Parliamentary Debate

Feb 2016

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer: ICRA (2023), IROS (2023), CoRL Workshops (2023)

LANGUAGES

English, Hindi

SKILLS

Technologies: Python, C/C++, Java, Javascript, HTML & CSS,

Frameworks & Tools: PyTorch, Blender, Git, Docker

Simulation Environments: PyFlex, PyBullet, AI2-THOR, iGibson