

Curriculum Vitae

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Skills

extensive experience with algorithms, computer-vision, signals and systems, robotics, machine learning, statistics, visual perception, cognitive science, linguistics, knowledge representation, compiler design, haptics, automatic-differentiation, stochastic and non-deterministic programming languages, functional programming, logic and constraint programming, parallel programming, contributions to open-source projects

Languages

Scheme, Haskell, Lisp, Python, C/C++ , MATLAB, Prolog, Java, VHDL, Verilog, DSP(AD Blackfin) assembly, microcontroller assembly, x86 assembly
native English, Tamil, and Hindi

Education

PhD - Artificial Intelligence

Aug. 2008 – expected Jan. 2014

Purdue University, USA

Thesis Title: Compositionality in Vision and Language

Advisor: Jeffrey Mark Siskind

grounding language in vision and robotics
stochastic modeling of compositional entities via probabilistic programming
nondeterministic programming for solving constraint-satisfaction problems
optimization of stochastic cognitive models
integration of language and activity recognition
segmentation and tracking of objects in videos with high-level semantic priors
neural representation of verbs, events, and compositionality
Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing
Machine Learning, Robotics, Cognitive Neuroscience

Bachelor of Engineering - Electronics and Communication

Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2008

Anna University, India

Image Processing, Speech Processing, Computer Vision
Communication Systems, Embedded Systems (Robotics)

Experience

PhD student, Artificial Intelligence

2008 – present

Advisor: Jeffrey Mark Siskind

Purdue University, USA

solved vision and robotic manipulation problems using AD-based optimization
developed and implemented stochastic programs to use language & vision, and reasoning about rules jointly, to solve for perception
developed novel and robust tracking, segmentation, and action recognition methods as part of the DARPA Mind's Eye program
processed millions of frames of video on a top-500 supercomputer
designed and evaluated human-subject experiments on event recognition using fMRI data collection and analysis tools
designed and built custom robots for general manipulation tasks
implemented closed-loop visual-servoing mechanism to drive motor control
TA for ECE473 & ECE570, Artificial Intelligence
<http://iffsid.com/research/>

Undergraduate Research Project

Guided by Professor Muniyandi Manivannan

implemented a DIY Part-Task Laparoscopic Simulator
 optimized vision algorithms to run on low-cost uncalibrated components
 tested against industry-standard equipment demonstrating low error margins
 collaborated with practicing doctors to test feasibility

May 2007 – Aug. 2008

IIT-Madras, India

Part-Time Instructor

The Princeton Review(Manya Education Pvt.Ltd.)

tutor for the GRE and GMAT standardized exams

Oct. 2007 – Aug. 2008

Chennai, India

Undergraduate Research Intern

Doors and Gates Pvt.Ltd.

implemented a range of IR control mechanisms for controller operations
 tested and used implemented mechanisms successfully in robots during competitions
 designed hybrid autonomous switching mechanisms for non-line-of-sight applications

May 2007 – Sept. 2007

Chennai, India

Refereed Journal Publications

- Seeing Unseeability to See the Unseeable** Oct 2012
 J1 N. Siddharth, A. Barbu, and J. M. Siskind
Advances in Cognitive Systems (ACS)
<http://iffsid.com/publications/siddharth2012unseeability.pdf>
- Simultaneous Object Detection, Tracking, and Event Recognition** Oct 2012
 J2 A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, A. Michaux, and J. M. Siskind
Advances in Cognitive Systems (ACS)
<http://iffsid.com/publications/barbu2012objectsTackingEvents.pdf>

Refereed Conference Publications

- Seeing what you're told: sentence-guided activity recognition in video** In review
 C1 N. Siddharth, A. Barbu, and J. M. Siskind
Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
- The compositional nature of verb and argument representations in the human brain** In review
 C2 A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, C. Xiong, J. J. Corso, C. D. Fellbaum, C. Hanson, S. J. Hanson, S. Hélie, E. Malaia, B. A. Pearlmutter, J. M. Siskind, T. M. Talavage, and R. B. Wilbur
Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1306.2293v1>
- Saying what you're looking for: linguistics meets video search** In review
 C3 A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, and J. M. Siskind
Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
- Recognizing Human Activities from Partially Observed Videos** Jun 2013
 C4 Y. Cao, D. Barrett, A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, H. Yu, A. Michaux, Y. Lin, S. Dickinson, J. Siskind, S. Wang
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
<http://iffsid.com/publications/cao2013partiallyObserved.pdf>
- Seeing Unseeability to See the Unseeable** Oct 2012
 C5 N. Siddharth, A. Barbu, and J. M. Siskind
Advances in Cognitive Systems (ACS)
 oral 14/38 (37%), conference presentation associated with [J1]
<http://iffsid.com/publications/siddharth2012unseeability.pdf>
- Simultaneous Object Detection, Tracking, and Event Recognition** Oct 2012
 C6 A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, A. Michaux, and J. M. Siskind
Advances in Cognitive Systems (ACS)
 oral 14/38 (37%), conference presentation associated with [J2]
<http://iffsid.com/publications/barbu2012objectsTackingEvents.pdf>

Video In Sentences Out

Aug 2012

A. Barbu, A. Bridge, Z. Burchill, D. Coroian and S. Dickinson , S. Fidler, A. Michaux, S. Mussman and N. Siddharth , D. Salvi, L. Schmidt, J. Shangguan and J. M. Siskind, J. Waggoner, S. Wang, J. Wei and Y. Yin and Z. Zhang
Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Conf. on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence(UAI)
oral 24/304 (8%)

<http://iffsid.com/publications/barbu2012videoSentences.pdf>

A Visual Language Model for Estimating Object Pose and Structure in a Generative Visual Domain

May 2011

N. Siddharth, A. Barbu, and J. M. Siskind
Proceedings of 2011 IEEE International Conf. on Robotics and Automation(ICRA)
oral 982/2004 (49%)

<http://iffsid.com/publications/siddharth2011VisualLanguage.pdf>

Learning Physically-Instantiated Game Play Through Visual Observation

May 2010

A. Barbu, N Siddharth, and J. M. Siskind
Proceedings of 2010 IEEE International Conf. on Robotics and Automation(ICRA)
oral 856/2062 (42%)

<http://iffsid.com/publications/barbu2010RobotGames.pdf>

Design of a Do-It-Yourself VR Based Laparoscopic Simulator

Jan. 2009

N. Siddharth, M. Manivannan, S. Devasahayam, and G. Mathew
Medicine Meets Virtual Reality (MMVR17)

Patent Applications

Sentential Video Search

Jun. 2013

A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, H. Yu, and J. M. Siskind
US Provisional Application 61/835,541

Technical Reports

Large-scale automatic labeling of video events with verbs based on event-participant interaction

Apr. 2012

A. Barbu, N. Siddharth, H. Yu, and J. M. Siskind
arXiv:1204.3616

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1204.3616>

Professional Society Membership

Member, IEEE

Referee Activity

AAAI

NIPS

CVPR

PAMI

ICDL

PRL

References

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