

JAY GALA

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EDUCATION

**Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering
(University of Mumbai)**

Aug 2017 - May 2021
Overall GPA: **9.86/10**

B.E. in Computer Engineering

Applied Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms, Databases, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing

EXPERIENCE

Research Collaboration

Sep 2021 - Present

Independent Researcher (Remote)

Advisor: [Zeerak Talat](#)

- Identify real-world representations of overt hate speech on different non-iid datasets using Federated Learning.
- Extension to the cross-dataset model generalization by [Fortuna et al.](#) for hate speech detection.
- Experiments include base models, AWD-LSTM, DistilBERT, and FNet in central and federated setting.

University of California San Diego

Jun 2021 - Present

Research Intern (Remote)

Advisor: [Prof. Pengtao Xie](#)

- Working on applying human learning skills, specifically *learning from mistakes*, as an extension to [Skillearn](#).
- Built efficient optimization algorithms for Neural Architecture Search adopting an importance weighting strategy.
- Preliminary results outperforms DARTS, P-DARTS, and PC-DARTS on CIFAR.

Tata Consultancy Services

Dec 2019 - Feb 2020

Machine Learning Intern

- Developed models using VAEs and K-means clustering for customer behavior analysis to prevent customer churn.
- Prepared a custom dataset by developing surveys to handle open-ended and closed-ended questions.
- Extracted feedback responses from handwritten survey forms using OCR achieving 12% CER and 18% WER.

Ucadd EdTech

Dec 2018 - Aug 2019

Web Developer (Remote)

- Built a learning platform with support for content streaming, adaptive assessments, doubt-solving, etc using MERN stack.
- Worked on optimizing lecture streaming with limited data bandwidth from hosting providers such as Vimeo.
- Spearheaded data analytics to generate useful insights about the courses for instructors based on user interactions.

Sensum Fintech

Jan 2019 - Feb 2019

Web Developer

- Constructed visualization graphs using plotly to show and analyze the trends in the finance trading markets.
- Integrated backend APIs for stock recommendations and improved user experience by optimizing the builds.

Unicode

Aug 2018 - Jun 2021

Web Developer & Student Mentor

- Mentored a team of sophomores on projects such as Inventory Management, Masters and Placement Portals.
- Conducted workshop on web development and open-source development for over 100 students in the college.

PROJECTS

Ocubot - Image-based Dialog

Advisor: [Prof. Pratik Kanani](#)

- B.E. project on building a conversational dialog system about visual information in an image ([Visual Dialog](#)).
- Incorporate coreference resolution using attention over dialog history to have more natural conversations.
- Reduced modality biases by improving visual context with dense captions and attention over these captions.

Anomaly Detection in ECG Signals

Advisor: Prof. Pratik Kanani

- Industry collaboration to develop neural models for detecting anomalies in processed ECG signals from IoT devices.
- Applied distributed computing algorithms for speed improvements during inference and load balancing by 60%.

Annotated PyTorch Paper Implementations

[View](#)

- Annotated PyTorch implementations of deep learning papers as interactive jupyter notebooks.
- Includes papers such as Word2Vec, GloVe, KimCNN, Bahdanau Attention, Transformer, etc.

Image Captioning using Attention

[View](#)

- Automatically generate descriptive captions from an image along with attention map.
- Implementation of Show, Attend and Tell paper by [Kelvin Xu et al.](#) using PyTorch.

C Programming Exam Portal

[View](#)

- A paperless solution for conducting C programming exam for over 500 students at [D. J. Sanghvi](#).
- Generated data-driven detailed reports for students and instructors to enhance the overall learning experience.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Publications available at [Google Scholar](#)

- [1] **Jay Gala**, Hrishikesh Shenai, Pranjal Chitale, Kaustubh Kekre, and Pratik Kanani, “[Improving Image-Based Dialog by Reducing Modality Biases](#),” in *International Conference on Advances in Computing and Data Sciences*, pp. 33–41, Springer, 2021.
- [2] Hrishikesh Shenai*, **Jay Gala***, Kaustubh Kekre*, Pranjal Chitale*, and Ruhina Karani*, “[Combating COVID-19 using object detection techniques for next-generation autonomous systems](#),” in *Cyber-Physical Systems: AI and COVID-19*, ch. 4, Elsevier Science, 2021.
- [3] Pranjal Chitale*, Kaustubh Kekre*, Hrishikesh Shenai*, Ruhina Karani*, and **Jay Gala***, “[Pothole Detection and Dimension Estimation System using Deep Learning \(YOLO\) and Image Processing](#),” in *2020 35th International Conference on Image and Vision Computing New Zealand (IVCNZ)*, pp. 1–6, 2020.
- [4] Dev Savla, Amogh Parab, Kaustubh Y. Kekre, **Jay Gala**, and Meera Narvekar, “[IoT and ML based Smart System for Efficient Garbage Monitoring: Real Time AQI monitoring and Fire Detection for dump yards and Garbage Management System](#),” in *2020 Third International Conference on Smart Systems and Inventive Technology (ICSSIT)*, pp. 315–321, 2020.
- [5] Dev Savla, Amogh Parab, Kaustubh Kekre, **Jay Gala**, S. Ramchandra, and Pankaj Sonawane, “[Virtual Farmer: Real Time Crop Prediction and Automatic Irrigation System](#),” in *2020 11th International Conference on Computing, Communication and Networking Technologies (ICCCNT)*, pp. 1–5, 2020.

SKILLS

Languages	Python, C, Java, JavaScript, SQL, HTML5
Databases	MySQL, SQLite, PostgreSQL, MongoDB
Libraries and frameworks	PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV, Gensim, SpaCy, NLTK, Flask, FastAPI, Streamlit, ReactJs, NodeJs
Others	Git, Jupyter, Docker, Raspberry Pi, LaTeX

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. **Teaching Assistant** for an undergrad-level Machine Learning Course - [UMLSC](#), supported by **Google Research India**
2. Member of [Shalizi–Stats](#) reading group which focuses on the stats book [Advanced Data Analysis from an Elementary Point of View](#) by Cosma Shalizi and [Bayesian Statistics](#).
3. Working on identifying the causal effects of non-expert mentors on the careers of the mentee (students) in educational institutions as a part of **Unicode Research Group**
4. Presented [machine learning paper reviews](#) in the Unicode Research Group and ML Collective
5. Selected for [Advanced Language Processing Winter School \(ALPS\) 2022](#)