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Education

Stanford University, CA

2019 - 2021

Master of Science in Computer Science

CGPA: 4.13/4.0

Advisor: [Prof. Stefano Ermon](#)

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India

2013 - 2017

Bachelor of Technology (Hons.) in Computer Science and Engineering

CGPA: 9.49/10.0

Thesis Advisor: [Prof. Pabitra Mitra](#)

Publications

Kumar Ayush*, Burak Uzcent*, Marshall Burke, David Lobell, Stefano Ermon. "Generating Interpretable Poverty Maps using Object Detection in Satellite Images". *IJCAI*. 2020. ([pdf](#), Under review) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush*, Anirudh Singhal*, Utkarsh Patel*, Ayush Chopra*, Balaji K. "Towards a Unified Framework for Fashion Compatibility and Outfit Recommendation". *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*. 2020. (To appear) (*equal contrib.)


Surgan Jandial*, Ayush Chopra*, **Kumar Ayush***, Mayur Hemani, Abhijeet Halwai, Balaji K. "SieveNet: A Unified Framework for Robust Image-Based Virtual Try-On". *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*. 2020. ([pdf](#), To appear) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush*, Surgan Jandial*, Ayush Chopra*, Balaji K. "Powering Virtual Try-On via Auxiliary Human Segmentation Learning". *Second Workshop on Computer Vision for Fashion, Art and Design - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*. 2019. (Workshop, [pdf](#), To appear) (*equal contrib.)


Kumar Tanmay*, **Kumar Ayush***. "Augmented Reality Based Recommendations based on Perceptual Shape Style Compatibility with Objects in the Viewpoint and Color Compatibility with the Background". *Advances in Image Manipulation Workshop (AIM) - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*. 2019. (Workshop, [pdf](#), To appear) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush*, Surgan Jandial*, Ayush Chopra*, Mayur Hemani, Balaji K. "Robust Cloth Warping via Multi-Scale Patch Adversarial Loss for Virtual Try-On Framework". *10th International Workshop on Human Behaviour Understanding (HBU) - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*. 2019. (Workshop, [pdf](#), To appear) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush. "Context Aware Recommendations Embedded in Augmented Viewpoint to Retarget Consumers in v-commerce". *Third Workshop on Computer Vision for AR/VR - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. 2019. (Workshop, [pdf](#))

Kumar Ayush*, Abhishek Sinha*. "Improving Classification Performance of Support Vector Machines via Guided Custom Kernel Search". *The Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (ACM GECCO)*. 2019. (Poster, [pdf](#), ) (*equal contrib.)

Ayush Chopra, Abhishek Sinha, Himesh Gupta, Mausoon Sarkar, **Kumar Ayush**, Balaji K. "Powering Robust Fashion Retrieval with Information Rich Feature Embeddings". *Understanding Subjective Attributes of Data: Focus on Fashion and Subjective Search Workshop - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. 2019. (Workshop, [Best Paper](#), [pdf](#))

Kumar Ayush*, Abhishek Sinha*. "Towards Mathematical Reasoning: A Multimodal Deep Learning Approach". *25th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*. 2018. (Workshop, [pdf](#), [slides](#), ) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush, Raja Karamakar, Varun Rawal, Pradyumna K. Bishoyi, Samiran Chattopadhyay, Sandip Chakraborty. "Supporting Throughput Fairness in IEEE 802.11ac Dynamic Bandwidth Channel Access: A Hybrid Approach". *42nd IEEE Conference on Local Computer Networks (LCN)*. 2017. (Oral, [pdf](#), [slides](#))

Gaurush Hiranandani, **Kumar Ayush**, Atanu R Sinha, Sai Varun Reddy Maram, Chinnaobireddy Varsha, Pranav Maneriker. "Enhanced Personalized Targeting using Augmented Reality". *16th IEEE International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality (ISMAR)*. 2017. (Poster, [pdf](#))

Avishek Lahiri, **Kumar Ayush**, Prabir Kumar Biswas, Pabitra Mitra. “Generative Adversarial Learning for Reducing Manual Annotation in Semantic Segmentation on Large Scale Microscopy Images: Automated Vessel Segmentation in Retinal Fundus Image as Test Case”. *Computer Vision for Microscopy Image Analysis (CVMI) Workshop - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. 2017. (Workshop, [pdf](#), [slides](#), [📄](#)).

Srinivas S. S. Kruthiventi, **Kumar Ayush**, R. Venkatesh Babu. “DeepFix: A Fully Convolutional Neural Network for predicting Human Eye Fixations”. *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*. 2017. (Journal, [pdf](#), [slides](#)).

Mayank Singh, Barnopriya Barua, Priyank Palod, Sidhartha Satapathy, Samuel Bushi, **Kumar Ayush**, Krishna Sai Rohith, Tulasi Gamidi, Pawan Goyal, Animesh Mukherjee. “OCR++: A Robust Framework For Information Extraction from Scholarly Articles”. *26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (Coling)*. 2016. (Poster, [pdf](#), [framework](#))

Patents

Kumar Ayush, Atishay Jain, Harnish Lakhani. “Robust Video Retrieval Using Temporal Video Content”. (In filing process)

Kumar Ayush, Atishay Jain, Harnish Lakhani. “Augmented Viewpoint Driven Bundle Recommendation in Virtual Commerce”. (In filing process)

Kumar Ayush*, Surgan Jandial*, Ayush Chopra*, Mayur Hemani, Balaji K. “System and Method for Robust Image-Based Virtual Try-On”. (In filing process) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush*, Surgan Jandial*, Ayush Chopra*, Mayur Hemani, Balaji K. “Robust Cloth Warping via Multi-Scale Patch Adversarial Loss for Virtual Try-On Framework”. (In filing process) (*equal contrib.)

Kumar Ayush, Atishay Jain. “Center-Biased Machine Learning Techniques to Determine Saliency in Digital Images”. *US 16/507,300*. (Filed)

Kumar Ayush, Abhishek Sinha, Ayush Chopra, Hires Gupta, Mausoom Sarkar, Balaji K. “Improving Performance of Neural Networks Using Leaned Specialized Tranformation Functions”. *US 16/534,856*. (Filed)

Kumar Ayush. “Compatibility Based Identification of Incompatible Products in Digital Representations of Real-World Environments”. *US 16/281, 806*. (Filed)

Kumar Ayush, Harsh Vardhan Chopra. “Automatic Generation of Context-Aware Composite Images”. *US 16/275,261*. (Filed)

Kumar Ayush, Gaurush Hiranandani. “Generating and Providing Augmented Reality Representations of Recommended Products Based on Style Compatibility in Relation to Real-World Surroundings”. *US 15/972,815*. (Filed)

Kumar Ayush, Gaurush Hiranandani. “Generating and Providing Augmented Reality Representations of Recommended Products Based on Style Similarity in Relation to Real-World Surroundings”. *US 16/004,787*. (Filed)

Gaurush Hiranandani, **Kumar Ayush**, Sai Varun Maram Reddy, Chinnaobireddy Varsha, Siddhant Jain. “Creating Personalized Catalogues with Recommendations Embedded in Augmented Viewpoint to Retarget Consumers”. *US 62/415,332*. (Filed)

Gaurush Hiranandani, **Kumar Ayush**, Chinnaobireddy Varsha, Sai Varun Maram Reddy. “Creating Targeted Content based on Detected Characteristics of an Augmented Reality Scene”. *US 15/454,750*. ([Published](#))

Gaurush Hiranandani, Sai Varun Maram Reddy, **Kumar Ayush**, Chinnaobireddy Varsha, Siddhant Jain. “Product Recommendations Based on Augmented Reality Viewpoints”. *US 15/492,971, DE 102017007998.6, AU 2017216603, GB 1714133.4, CN 201710780770.6*. ([Published](#))

Gaurush Hiranandani, Chinnaobireddy Varsha, Sai Varun Maram Reddy, **Kumar Ayush**, Atanu R Sinha. “Identifying Augmented Reality Visuals Influencing User Behavior in Virtual-Commerce Environments”. *US 15/433,834*. ([Published](#))

Work Experience

Stanford University

Graduate Research Assistant in Ermon Group

Sep 2019 - Present

- Working with [Prof. Stefano Ermon](#) on Computational Sustainability.
- Working to apply satellite imagery to socioeconomic, computational sustainability, and computer vision tasks.

Adobe Inc., Noida, India

Senior Member of Technical Staff (Media and Data Science Research)

Sep 2018 - August 2019

- Mentored two internship projects - (a) Image-based virtual try-on for fashion garments (*two accepted papers in ICCV Workshops, one paper under review in WACV 2020*), (b) Fashion Compatibility and Outfit Recommendation using Graph Neural Networks (*submitting to AAAI 2020*). Achieved state-of-the-art performance on both projects.
- Augmenting real-world training datasets with realistic renderings and segmentation masks of virtual scenes for Adobe Deep Product Search (for furniture domain). Used Unreal Engine for the same.
- Worked on enhancing digital experience in AR-based retail apps. *Two workshop papers in CVPR and ICCV. Two patents in filing process.*
- Worked on visual content based video retrieval on natural language query. Proposed an end-to-end neural network based embedding model for projection of videos and sentences to a joint embedding space. *A patent is being filed.*

Senior Member of Technical Staff (Photoshop Elements and Adobe Stock)

Jan 2018 - Aug 2018

- Developed a Neural Network based technology for Modeling the Sellability of Adobe Stock Images.
- Worked on Creative Cloud Bots for Slack and Microsoft Teams.
- Implemented a VQA model for solving mathematical equations from images. *Published in IEEE ICIP 2018.*
- Proposed and worked on improving product recommendations in AR-based retail apps using state-of-the-art computer vision and machine learning techniques. *Filed 3 international patents.*
- Proposed and developed a method for background scene recommendation for 3D objects in Adobe Dimension CC using scene compatibility, theme compatibility, and automated image matching. *A patent is filed.*

Member of Technical Staff (Photoshop Elements and Adobe Stock)

Jun 2017 - Dec 2017

- Created a service using a Deep Learning Based Object Detection Method to provide Object Proposals for automatic mask selection in Nimbus (Adobe's cloud-based Lightroom-style photo editor).
- Primary developer for Adobe Stock Add-on for Wordpress. Worked on Creative Cloud Bot for Slack.
- Created an Intelligent Stock Plugin for Google Slides as part of the Adobe Stock Hackathon. Used NLP techniques to automatically construct queries from an author's content to be used for retrieving relevant assets from Adobe Stock.

Internship Experience

Big Data Experience Lab, Adobe Research, Bangalore, India

Enhanced Digital Marketing using Augmented Reality

Summer 2016

Advisors: [Gaurush Hiranandani](#) and [Dr. Atanu R Sinha](#)

Analyzed consumer interactions on AR-based retail apps to identify the preferred purchase viewpoint. Created personalized catalogues with recommendations, based on style similarity and theme compatibility, embedded in the viewpoint visual. Devised a graph-based approach for automatic generation of personalized email content for the catalogue. *Three international patents published. Work published in IEEE ISMAR 2017.*

Video Analytics Lab, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India

DeepFix: A Fully Convolutional Neural Network for predicting Human Eye Fixations

Summer 2015

Advisor: [Prof. R. Venkatesh Babu](#)

Implemented a neural network for saliency prediction. Utilized the potential of inception modules, filters with holes, and location-biased convolutional filters. *Work published in IEEE Transactions on Image Processing. Winner of Saliency Prediction task at LSUN 2016, organized by Princeton University.*

Research Projects

Bachelor's Thesis, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India

Generative Adversarial Learning for Reducing Manual Annotation in Semantic Segmentation on Large Scale Microscopy Images

Spring 2017

Advisor: [Prof. Pabitra Mitra](#)

Leveraged GAN for semi-supervised learning on large scale fundus imaging modality for automated blood vessel segmentation. Achieved comparable performance (sometimes even better) with recent CNN based segmentation techniques while using upto 9X less training data. *Work published in Computer Vision for Microscopy Image Analysis (CVMI) Workshop - CVPR 2017.*

Video Retrieval using Natural Language Query

Spring 2017

Advisor: [Prof. Pabitra Mitra](#)

Implemented an encoder-decoder model using LSTM to encode the frames of a video and generate a description. Embedded the descriptions and the input query using a pre-trained skipthoughts model to facilitate query-based search. Used Microsoft Video Description Corpus dataset for training and testing.

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India

Supporting Throughput Fairness in IEEE 802.11ac Dynamic Bandwidth Channel Access: A Hybrid Approach Autumn 2016

Advisor: [Prof. Sandip Chakraborty](#)

Performed a literary survey pertaining to unfairness in IEEE 802.11ac Dynamic Bandwidth Channel Access and proposed a hybrid adaptive resource reservation mechanism for supporting fair channel access in DBCA. A polling based online learning mechanism is designed to avoid starvation of primary channel users. Achieved significantly better performance compared to DBCA. *Work published in IEEE LCN 2017 (Oral Paper).*

Branched Convolutional Neural Network for Salient Object Segmentation and Automatic Custom Shaped Mask Placement in an Image Spring 2016

Advisor: [Prof. Pabitra Mitra](#)

Implemented a branched CNN architecture using inception modules to extract features from intermediate layers. Passed the concatenated output from inception modules to a segmentation block. Used fully connected Conditional Random Field to obtain the final segmentation mask. Achieved comparable performance on MSRA-1K and CSSD datasets with state-of-the-art models. Implemented a method to automatically find custom non-rectangular regions of interest (ROIs) in a user supplied image using Particle Swarm Optimization.

Search and Recommendation System for Scientific Research Community Spring 2016

Advisors: [Prof. Pawan Goyal](#) and [Prof. Animesh Mukherjee](#)

Parsed Microsoft Academic Scholar to generate the dataset. Used clustering techniques to cluster similar authors based on their co-author graph. Used LDA to model topics from the keyword database of an author and recommended top 100 authors based on their rank (gained a 25% increase in recall). Developed a full-fledged Scientific Search Engine.

OCR++: A Robust Framework For Information Extraction from Scholarly Articles Autumn 2015

Advisor: [Prof. Pawan Goyal](#) and [Prof. Animesh Mukherjee](#) [\[Project\]](#)

Worked with a team on the development of a framework designed for a variety of information extraction tasks from scholarly articles using CRF models and generic patterns. Conducted extensive evaluations to compare OCR++ and state-of-the-art systems, showing significant improvement in each of the retrieval tasks along with fast implementation speed-ups and batch processing functionality. *Work published in Coling 2016.*

Awards and Achievements

Best Paper - FFSS-USAD @ CVPR 2019 2019

Our [work](#) on fashion retrieval received best paper award at IEEE CVPR Workshop [FFSS-USAD](#).

Early Promotion - Adobe 2018

Promoted to Senior Member of Technical Staff within 6 months of joining Adobe (Usual promotion period: 1-1.5 years). Only one amongst all fresh graduate hires.

Best Project - Web Technologies Technical Bootcamp - Adobe 2017

Awarded amongst fresh graduate hires for an Online Examination System made using AngularJS. Adjudged on parameters like best practices, coding standards, code modularity, MVC architecture, etc.

Best Bachelor's Thesis Award - IIT Kharagpur 2017

Awarded in a batch of 105 students in the Dept. of Computer Science & Engg., IIT Kharagpur.

Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Award 2017

Awarded for OCR++ by [SRISTI](#) at Rashtrapati Bhawan (Office of the President of India).

IBM Day @ IIT Kharagpur - System Demonstration Contest - Third Prize 2016

Awarded for OCR++ by IBM Research India from a pool of 20 submissions.

Saliency Prediction Winner - Large Scale Scene Understanding Challenge (LSUN) 2016

Our saliency model, DeepFix, won the 1st prize in [LSUN](#), organized by Princeton University in conjunction with CVPR 2016.

Honda Young Engineer & Scientist's (Y-E-S) Fellowship Finalist 2016

Amongst 20 finalists from all over India.

Best Term Project - Speech & Natural Language Processing Course Awarded for OCR++ from a pool of 30 projects by the course instructor and Flipkart (an Indian e-commerce company). The award also included a grant of 1000\$.	2015
Indian Academy of Sciences - Summer Research Fellowship Awarded for research internship at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.	2015
Kamalavati Syngal and Goralal Syngal Memorial Scholarship Awarded for academic excellence at IIT Kharagpur.	2014
Jagadish Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS) Scholarship Awarded to 34 candidates from around 1000 applicants in the state of West Bengal for exceptional aptitude in basic sciences and research.	2013
Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) Scholarship Awarded to 1056 students from around 100,000 applicants by Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India for exceptional aptitude in basic sciences.	2013
All-India-Rank 805 - IIT JEE (Joint Entrance Examination) - Advanced Secured an All-India-Rank of 805 in JEE Advanced 2013 amongst 150,000 candidates.	2013
All-India-Rank 779 - IIT JEE (Joint Entrance Examination) - Mains Secured an All-India-Rank of 779 in JEE Mains 2013 amongst 20,00,000 candidates.	2013
Abhay Seva Sansthan Gold Medal Awarded for scoring 100% in Computer Science in ISC (12th grade) board examination.	2013
S. P. Sinha Scholarship Awarded full scholarship for 11th & 12th grade due to outstanding performance (96.57%) in ICSE (10th grade) board examination.	2011

Talks

Context Aware Personalized Product Recommendations in Virtual Commerce [Slides - 1 , 2] Adobe Inc., Noida, India	Feb 2018
Saliency Prediction and its applications in Vision and Design Adobe Inc., Noida, India	August 2019

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, Javascript
Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, NumPy
Others: Unity3D, Unreal Engine, LaTeX

Extra Curricular Activities and Professional Service

Internship Mentor at Adobe (2019): Mentored 4 undergraduate interns on two projects based on virtual try-on and outfit compatibility.

Technovation Mentor for Youth Coding Initiative (2019): Mentored 5 high-school girls to build a business plan and mobile app to address a community problem.

Reviewer (2018) for Robotics and Autonomous Systems (Journal - Elsevier), and Computer Vision and Image Understanding (Journal - Elsevier).

Volunteer Teacher at eVidyaloka (2018): Taught Maths and Science to underprivileged children in remote areas of Jharkhand via Skype.

Teaching Assistant (2018) for the Machine Learning course for employees at Adobe Inc., Noida.

Student Academic Mentor, Student Welfare Group, IIT Kharagpur (2015 - 2017): Looked after the orientation and guidance of 5 new students and undertook the initiative to motivate them for performing academically as well as in extra-curricular activities.

Captain (2017) of the OpenSoft (inter-hostel tech competition) team of Meghnad Saha Hall of Residence, IIT Kharagpur.

National Sports Organization (2013 - 2015): Involved in Athletics as a part of NSO, IIT Kharagpur for two

years.