# Vishvak Murahari

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**EDUCATION** 

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

PhD in Computer Science Sep 2020 - Present

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, USA

Masters of Science in Computer Science (Specialization: Machine Learning)

Aug 2018 – May 2020

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, USA

Bachelors of Science in Computer Science (Specialization: Artificial Intelligence and Devices) Aug 2015 - May 2018

GPA: 3.96/4.0 (Highest Honors)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Computer Vision

**PUBLICATIONS** 

DataMUX: Data Multiplexing for Neural Networks [Paper] [Code] [Website]

Vishvak Murahari, Carlos E. Jimenez, Runzhe Yang, Karthik Narasimhan

Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022

Large-scale Pretraining for Visual Dialog: A Simple State-of-the-Art Baseline [Paper] [Code] [Talk]

Vishvak Murahari, Dhruv Batra, Devi Parikh, Abhishek Das

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2020

Improving Generative Visual Dialog by Answering Diverse Questions [Paper] [Code] [Poster]

Vishvak Murahari, Prithivijit Chattopadhyay, Dhruv Batra, Devi Parikh, Abhishek Das

Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2019

On attention models for human activity recognition [Paper]

Vishvak Murahari, Thomas Ploetz

International Symposium on Wearable Computers (ISWC) 2018

## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Finalist for the Bell Labs Innovation Prize, 2022
- Finalist for the Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship 2022
- Awarded the MS Research Award by the College of Computing, Georgia Tech
- Awarded Faculty Honors by Georgia Tech for 5 out of 6 semesters in my undergraduate degree.
- Represented India at the World Robotics Olympiad in 2013 and 2014.
- Selected for the prestigious NTSE scholarship offered by the Govt. of India

#### Work Experience

Google Brain Mountain View, CA

Student Researcher May 2022 - December 2022

- Developed novel efficiency approaches to increase throughput of large language models many-fold.
- Designed efficient training procedures for large language models.

## Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (AI2)

Seattle, WA

Research Intern

May 2020 - Aug 2020

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- Developed weakly-supervised approaches for learning language grounding in embodied agents.
- Developed instruction-following polices in the THOR simulator.

MICROSOFT Redmond, WA

Engineering Intern

May 2019 - July 2019

• Built data-driven models to do query re-formulation and improve email search relevance in Outlook 365.

• Built ML models to detect and update irrelevant user search queries.

MICROSOFT Redmond, WA

Engineering Intern

May 2018 - July 2018

- Built a real-time ML architecture to recommend game suggestions to Xbox users.
- Developed Gradient Boosted Tree Models to learn user engagement behavior on the Xbox Console.
- Designed objective evaluation metrics to gauge user engagement.

MICROSOFT Redmond, WA

Engineering Intern

May 2017 - July 2017

- Designed a low-latency system to process privacy requests from Windows users to delete sensitive data.
- Designed a delete processor to back a highly scalable privacy dashboard for all Windows 10 users.
- Developed an algorithm to predict server running costs for teams at Microsoft.

PEGA Atlanta, GA

 $Engineering\ Intern$ 

May 2016 - July 2016

- Automated daily business processes by creating bot agents to automatically navigate business applications.
- Developed a bot creation framework in C# for PEGA clients to accelerate creation of task-specific bots.
- Designed an intuitive user interface for analysts to interact with and deploy bots with ease.

#### TEACHING

# Introduction to Machine Learning

Princeton, NJ

 $Teaching\ Assistant$ 

Fall 2021

- Advised more than 200 students on introductory concepts in supervised learning, unsupervised learning and reinforcement learning
- Collaborated with co-TAs to create course material and taught a weekly recitation.

## Introduction to Robotics and Perception

Atlanta, GA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018,2019; Spring 2018,2019

- Advised more than 300 students on robotic planning, control and localization.
- Collaborated with co-TAs to create projects on robot localization.

#### Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Atlanta, GA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017, Spring 2017

• Guided more than 300 students on AI projects ranging from probabilistic inference to Neural Networks, Optimization and Reinforcement Leaning.

## Computing for Engineers

Atlanta, GA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016, Spring 2016

- Advised more than 1000 students on MATLAB projects introducing the fundamentals of computing.
- Taught a 90 minute weekly recitation and collaborated with co-TAs to create weekly assignments.

## Selected Projects

#### Real-time Gesture Recognition on Wearables

- Designed a novel machine learning pipeline for real time gesture recognition on off-the-shelf devices.
- Deployed the system on Google Glass and optimized performance in everyday settings.

# How much should you rent your home for? A recommendation tool for renting Airbnbs

• Devised Machine Learning approaches to model Airbnb prices by leveraging both Airbnb and Zillow listings and created interactive map-based visualizations of average prices across the United States.

#### **Everybody Dance Now**

• Implementation of Chan et. al (ICCV 19)

# SERVICE ROLES AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

# Challenge Organization

Visual Dialog Challenge CVPR 2020

# Workshop Organization

Visual Question Answering and Dialog Workshop

CVPR 2020

## SKILLS

• Languages: Python, C, C++, C#, Java , MATLAB

• Frameworks: PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, Open CV

• DevOps: Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud

• Version Control: Git

• Mobile Applications: Android

# Selected Coursework

• Mathematical Foundations of ML • Deep Learning • NLP • Machine Learning • Adaptive Control and RL

• ML Theory • Computer Vision • Algorithms • Data and Visual Analytics • Systems and Networks