Sai Anuroop Kesanapalli

EDUCATION

M.S., University of Southern California

Major: Computer Science

B. Tech., Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad

Major: Computer Science and Engineering

August 2022 - May 2024 (Exp.)

CGPA: 3.75/4

July 2017 - June 2021

CPI: 8.86/10

INTERESTS

MLOps, Edge-GPU Performance Characterization, Statistical Machine Learning, Deep Learning Theory, and Federated Learning

Publications

- 1. Prashanthi S. K, Sai Anuroop Kesanapalli, and Yogesh Simmhan. "Characterizing the Performance of Accelerated Jetson Edge Devices for Training Deep Learning Models". In: *Proc. ACM Meas. Anal. Comput. Syst.* 6, 3, Article 44 (December 2022). 2022. DOI: 10.1145/3570604.
- 2. Prashanthi S. K, Aakash Khochare, **Sai Anuroop Kesanapalli**, Rahul Bhope, and Yogesh Simmhan. "Don't Miss the Train: A Case for Systems Research into Training on the Edge". In: *2022 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW)*. 2022, pp. 985–986. DOI: 10.1109/IPDPSW55747.2022.00157.
- 3. Prashanthi S. K, **Sai Anuroop Kesanapalli**, Aakash Khochare, and Yogesh Simmhan. "Characterizing the Performance of Deep Learning Workloads on Accelerated Edge Computing Devices". In: 28th IEEE International Conference on High Performance Computing, Data & Analytics Student Research Symposium (HiPC SRS). 2021, [Poster].
- 4. **Sai Anuroop Kesanapalli** and B. N. Bharath. "Federated Algorithm with Bayesian Approach: Omni-Fedge". In: *ICASSP 2021 2021 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*. 2021, pp. 3075–3079. DOI: 10.1109/ICASSP39728.2021.9413571.

EXPERIENCE

COURSE PRODUCER (Part-time)

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Advisor: Prof. Vatsal Sharan

August 2023 - Present

Course Producer for CSCI 699: Theory of Machine Learning, a doctoral-level course, offered in Fall 2023. I assist in grading homeworks, and help with scribing lectures into LAT_EX.

MACHINE LEARNING SOFTWARE INTERN (Full-time)

Summer Internship

DeGirum Corp., Santa Clara May 2023 - August 2023

Developed an ONNX OCR pipeline with pre and post-processor modules compatible with edge-hardware [OCR Deep Dive]. Worked on a NumPy-only implementation of vision-based PyTorch operators such as Conv2D, MaxPool, among others, and published as a PyPI package [beaverpy].

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Part-time)

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

March 2023 - August 2023

Contributed to an open source project [Tensor Toolbox] on tensor decomposition methods, and worked on a faster C++ implementation of a random forest based anomaly-detection algorithm [PIDForest].

PROJECT ASSOCIATE - I (Full-time)

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Advisor: Prof. Yogesh Simmhan

Advisor: Prof. Vatsal Sharan

August 2021 - July 2022

Worked on performance characterization of Nvidia Jetson edge-accelerators on deep learning workloads, and also on a Federated Learning project involving dataset condensation as a subroutine [1, 2, 3].

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER (B. Tech. Project) Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad

Advisor: Prof. B. N. Bharath

August 2020 - June 2021

Worked on Federated Algorithms with Bayesian [4] [Code | Slides] and Exponential Weighted Average [Report | Code] approaches.

PROJECTS

Forward-Forward: Is it time to bid adieu to BackProp? [Slides | Code]

Presentation on the Implicit Bias of SGD [Slides]

Notes on Rethinking Classic Learning Theory in Deep Neural Networks [Notes]

Store Sales - Time Series Forecasting [Report | Code]

Heterogeneity-Aware Hashing [Slides | Report | Code]

Credit Card Fraud Detection [Poster | Report | Code]

Implementation of Immediate Files in Minix OS [Report | Code]

Buffer Manager for PF Layer of ToyDB [Report | Code]

Processor Simulator for ToyRISC [Code]

TCP Congestion Control [Report | Code]

SKILLS

Languages Python, C++, Bash, HTML

Libraries PyTorch, NumPy, Matplotlib, CSS

Tools Git, LATEX

OS Linux, Linux4Tegra, macOS

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- 2023 Selected for the award of the prestigious J N Tata Endowment Scholarship for the higher education of Indians, for the year 2023-24.
- 2023 Awarded **NSF Travel Grant** for attending SIGMETRICS, co-located with ACM FCRC 2023, Orlando, FL.
- 2017 IIT JEE (Advanced) All India Rank 8682 among ~160,000 candidates.
- 2016 **Telangana State Rank 1** among ~700,000 candidates in first year and under top ten ranks in second year TSBIE Intermediate Public Examination.
- 2014 Received Certificate of Merit from CBSE Delhi, for outstanding performance and for obtaining Grade A1 in all the five subjects in Secondary School Examination.
- 2014 Recipient of Meritorious Student, School Topper and Star of Stars awards at St. Michael's School, Secunderabad.

STUDENT-OFFICES HELD

Mentor, Viterbi Graduate Mentorship Program, USC	2023 - Present
Student Coordinator, Institute Innovation Council, IIT Dharwad	2019 - 2021
Student Mentor, Institute Student Mentorship Programme, IIT Dharwad	2019 - 2020
Outreach Team Lead, Parsec: A Paradigm Shift, IIT Dharwad's Annual Tech Fest	2020
Event Coordinator, Development of Industry-Academia Link (DIAL), IIT Dharwad	2018

NATURAL LANGUAGES

Telugu, English, Hindi, Kannada

