

# KUSHAGRA MAHAJAN

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## EDUCATION

### Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science

Aug. 2021 – Present

Master of Computational Data Science — GPA: 4.06/4.00

Pittsburgh, PA

- Coursework: Machine Learning, Machine Learning for Large Datasets, NLP, Cloud Computing, Multilingual NLP, Multimodal ML

### Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT Delhi)

Aug. 2014 – Dec. 2018

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science — GPA: 8.78/10.00

Delhi, India

- Coursework: Computer Vision, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Data Mining, Collaborative Filtering, Machine Learning (Teaching Assistant - Fall '18), Data Structures and Algorithms, Compiler Design, Database Systems, Operating Systems.

## EXPERIENCE

### Amazon

May 2022 – Aug 2022

Software Engineering Intern — Installments Team

Seattle, WA

- Improved web page notification system for payment failures to be more descriptive and provide rectification steps to customers. Reduced customer tickets regarding payment failures by 72%.

### Carnegie Mellon University

Jan 2022 – Present

Research Assistant — Advisor: Prof. Yonatan Bisk

Pittsburgh, PA

- Building state-of-the-art systems for navigation, localization, mapping and interaction of a virtual assistant bot with the Arena environment based on user-assigned real-world tasks in collaboration with **Amazon Alexa AI** as part of the **Simbot Challenge**. Currently **ranked #1 on the Amazon Leaderboard**.

### TCS Research and Innovation Labs

Feb. 2019 – April 2021

Machine Learning Research Engineer — Computer Vision Team | Advisors: Dr. Lovekesh Vig & Dr. Gautam Shroff

Delhi, India

- Designed a meta-learning based framework for skin lesion and chest x-ray classification, and segmentation of medical and natural scene images. Published **3 papers** [2, 3, 4] and built **2 products** for chest x-ray analysis, and skin lesion detection.
- Explored disentangling biological signals from noise in cellular images and achieved top-5 percentile in **NeurIPS 2019 challenge** with test accuracy 96.06%. Also worked on distributed training, abnormality detection in X-rays using GANs, visual attention.
- Built an end-to-end alignment and information extraction system for document images using a novel keypoint extraction algorithm. Product sold to the **Landmark Group**. Published **1 paper** [5] and filed **1 US patent** [1].

### Intel Corporation

Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2017

Machine Learning Research Intern | Advisor: Mr. Tigi Thomas

Bangalore, India

- Created a highly optimized sensor-based gesture detection and recognition model for on-device deployment surpassing benchmarks for memory constraints and output latency. Tested by deploying model on laptop hardware.

### CVML Lab, IIIT Delhi

Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2018

Undergraduate Researcher | Advisor: Prof. Chetan Arora

Delhi, India

- Used texture descriptors to improve clothing segmentation by 3% for **visual fashion image and attribute search** systems.
- Exploited the pose structure to enhance SoA fine-grained classification performance by 2-3% across standard FGVC datasets. Curated an Amazon pose-aware apparel dataset. Published **2 papers** [6, 7]. Work was in collaboration with **Staqu Technologies**.

## PROJECTS

### Multimodal Image to Recipe Generation

Fall 2022

Course Project: Multimodal ML | Advisor: Prof. Louis-Philippe Morency

- Recipe generation from food images using a novel approach comprising multimodal alignment before fusion (ALBEF), CLIP for improved image encoding and transformer for recipe generation.

### Natural Language Inference for Code-Switched Hinglish

Spring 2022

Course Project: Multilingual NLP | Advisor: Prof. Alan Black

- Improved state-of-the-art NLI performance on GLUECoS benchmark by 6% for code-switched Hindi-English by translating to matrix or embedded language, and adaptation of language models to the code-switched domain using PyTorch. [\[Report\]](#)

### Twitter Cloud Native Web Service with Microservices

Spring 2022

Course Project: Cloud Computing | Advisor: Prof. Majd Sakr

- Created an ETL pipeline using Spark for processing 1.2TB Twitter data, and a microservice based architecture using Kubernetes for data retrieval and running analytic jobs in a cost constrained setting.

## SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS

**Programming Languages, Frameworks and Tools:** Python, C, C++, Java, SQL, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, PySpark, Caffe, OpenCV, Scikit, NumPy, Pandas, SciPy, EspNet, Kafka, Samza, HBase, MongoDB, AWS, Azure, Kubernetes

**Achievements:** Travel Grant: AICTE-INAE for ICIP 2018, Dean's List: 2017-2018, Teaching Fellow at Vivekananda Kendra, Delhi.

## PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] **K. Mahajan**, M. Sharma, L. Vig, Tata Consultancy Services Limited. "Method and System for Keypoint Extraction from Images of Documents". Filed at the Indian Patent Office. Number: 201921035983 (PCT filed. Number: WO202104447A2)
- [2] A. Pandit, **K. Mahajan**, S. Kunde. et. al. "Data-Efficient Training of High-Resolution Images in Medical Domain". 29th European Symposium on Artificial Neural Networks, Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning (ESANN) 2021. [PDF]
- [3] **K. Mahajan**, M. Sharma, L. Vig. et. al. "CovidDiagnosis: Deep Diagnosis of COVID-19 Patients Using Chest X-Rays". IEEE International Workshop on Thoracic Image Analysis, MICCAI 2020. [PDF]
- [4] **K. Mahajan**, M. Sharma, L. Vig. "Meta-DermDiagnosis: Few-Shot Skin Disease Identification using Meta-Learning". IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition 2020 Workshops (CVPRW). [PDF]
- [5] **K. Mahajan**, M. Sharma, L. Vig. "Character Keypoint-based Homography Estimation in Scanned Documents for Efficient Information Extraction". CBDAR workshop at the 15th IEEE International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR) 2019. [PDF]
- [6] **K. Mahajan**, T. Khurana, A. Chopra, I. Gupta, C. Arora, A. Rai. "Pose Aware Fine-Grained Visual Classification Using Pose Experts". 25th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP) 2018. [PDF]
- [7] T. Khurana, **K. Mahajan**, C. Arora, A. Rai. "Exploiting Texture Cues for Clothing Parsing in Fashion Images". 25th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP) 2018. [PDF]