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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, Interactive Data Science, NLP, Cloud Computing, Visual Learning and Recognition, Multilingual NLP, Multimodal ML
- Capstone Project** (Advisor: Prof. Yonatan Bisk): **Amazon Alexa Prize Simbot Challenge** – Building state-of-the-art systems and pipelines 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**. Currently **ranked #1 on the Amazon Leaderboard**.

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

- Analyzed payment failure data and **improved web page notification** system for **payment failures** to be more descriptive and provide rectification steps to customers using **Java**. Reduced customer tickets regarding payment failures by 72%.

TCS Research and Innovation Labs

Feb. 2019 – April 2021

Machine Learning 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** 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** and filed **1 US patent**.

Intel Corporation

Aug. 2017 – Dec. 2017

Machine Learning 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

Machine Learning Intern | 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**. Work was in collaboration with **Staqu Technologies**.

PROJECTS

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.

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 **co-learning** ingredients, **component-aware embeddings**, **contrastive loss** for semantic similarity, and **improved evaluation metrics**. [\[Report\]](#)

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. [\[Report\]](#)

SKILLS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Programming Languages, Frameworks and Tools: Python, C, C++, Java, SQL, Matlab, R, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, Spark, PySpark, Caffe, OpenCV, Scikit, NumPy, Pandas, SciPy, 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.