

Education

- 2024-Present **PhD CSE at The Ohio State University.**
PhD in Computer Science
◦ *Coursework:* Data Visualization, Advanced NLP.
- 2022-2024 **MS CIS at University of Pennsylvania, GPA: 3.90/4.**
Masters in Computer and Information Science
◦ *Coursework:* Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Analysis of Algorithms, Database Management Systems, Computer Vision, Network Systems.
- 2018-2022 **B.Tech CS at Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, GPA: 9/10.**
Bachelors in Computer Science
◦ *Coursework:* Operating System, Machine Learning, Database Management Systems, Data Interpretation and Analysis, Web Technologies, Software Engineering, Cloud Computing, Wireless Networks, Network Security.

Publications and Presentations

- NeurIPS 2024 **A Textbook Remedy for Domain Shifts: Knowledge Priors for Medical Image Analysis,**
Yue Yang, **Mona Gandhi**, Yufei Wang, Yifan Wu, Michael S. Yao, Chris Callison-Burch, James C. Gee, Mark Yatskar.
The Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, 2024
- CVPR 2023 **CREPE: Can Vision-Language Foundation Models Reason Compositionally?,**
Zixian Ma*, Jerry Hong*, Mustafa Omer Gul*, **Mona Gandhi**, Irena Gao, Ranjay Krishna.
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2023, **highlight**
- CVPR 2022 **Measuring Compositional Consistency for Video Question Answering,**
Mona Gandhi*, Mustafa Omer Gul*, Eva Prakash, Madeleine Grunde-McLaughlin, Ranjay Krishna, Maneesh Agrawala.
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2022

Research Experience

- 2023-2024 **Interpretable Radiology, University of Pennsylvania.**
◦ *Mentor:* Prof. Mark Yatskar
◦ *Domain:* Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing
◦ *Work:* Building an interpretable concept bottleneck model inspired by LaBo for the medical domain, specifically chest X-rays, for assisting radiologists in analysing them with natural language explanations in the form of concepts supporting the final model output.
- 2022-2023 **Extracting Features learnt by Deep Neural Networks, University of Washington.**
◦ *Mentor:* Prof. Ranjay Krishna
◦ *Domain:* Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing
◦ *Work:* Extracted the features that a pre-trained model has learnt while training and deriving their various use cases. One of the ideas was to train a hyper-network to learn the importance of each concept for a given label and allow these weights to be customised to reduce biases.
- 2022-2023 **Compositionality of Vision Language models, University of Washington.**
◦ *Mentor:* Prof. Ranjay Krishna
◦ *Domain:* Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing
◦ *Publication:* IEEE CVPR 2023, **Highlight paper**
◦ *Work:* Examined huge vision-language models (CLIP) on two major aspects of compositionally: systematicity and productivity by introducing a new benchmark called CREPE. Found that these huge models even though they excel at very complex tasks, fail to understand compositionally.
- 2022 **DNN to Interpretable by Design, University of Pennsylvania.**
◦ *Mentor:* Prof. Mark Yatskar
◦ *Domain:* Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing
◦ *Work:* Experimented using MILAN to get concepts associated with different layers in a neural network to employ them to build an interpretable by-design model. Realised the extracted concepts focused on the background rather than the main object features.

2021-2022 **Question Decomposition**, *Stanford University*.

- *Mentors*: Prof. Maneesh Agrawala, Prof. Ranjay Krishna
- *Domain*: Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing
- *Publication*: IEEE CVPR 2022
- *Work*: Developed a question decomposition engine that deconstructs a compositional question from AGQA into a subquestion hierarchy, a directed acyclic graph. Evaluated the performance of HCRN and HME models using consistency metrics on subquestion hierarchies for the AGQA dataset and learnt that easier subquestions are incorrect while complex questions are answered correctly.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2024 **CIS 4000/4010: Senior Design Project.**

2024 Spring: instructed by Prof. Boon Thau Loo

2023 Fall: instructed by Prof. Boon Thau Loo

2023 Spring: instructed by Prof. Jonathan M. Smith

- Mentoring and managing five teams of undergraduate students for their senior design project, helping them plan their weekly goals and giving feedback and suggestions.

2023 **CIS 5300: Natural Language Processing.**

2023 Summer: instructed by Prof. Chris Callison-Burch

2023 Fall: instructed by Prof. Mark Yatskar

Outreach

2020 **Program in Algorithmic and Combinatorial Thinking.**

2020 Summer: instructed by Prof. Rajiv Gandhi

- Conducted recitations for beginners group and mentored a small group of students while being part of the advanced group.

2019 **Community of Coders.**

Volunteered at undergraduate level coding club, along with teaching at a few sessions.

Presentations

2023 **CREPE: Can Vision-Language Foundation Models Reason Compositionally?**,

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Technical Skills

Languages Python, C++, C, Java, SQL

DL Tools Pytorch, Tensorflow, OpenCV, Hugging Face

Web-Dev HTML, CSS, Javascript, PHP, React JS, NodeJS, Oracle DB, Mongo DB

Others Linux, Visual Studio, Git

Achievements

2024 Received an outstanding teaching award at UPenn.

2018 1st rank among girls and 10th rank overall in MHT-CET (state-level entrance exam) among 280 thousand students.

2008-2020 Pursued Visharath Pratham (highest level of degree in Indian Classical Dance) in Bharatnatyam (Indian Classical Dance) and performed Araangetram (first stage performance).

Projects

2024 **Examining the Reversal Curse on GPT models.**

- *Technologies:* Computer Vision, LLMs
- *Description:* The Reversal Curse paper ([link](#)) highlights a simple task that these models fail at. If the model has seen "A is B", it is not guaranteed that the model can generalize "B is A" - this is coined as Reversal Curse in the paper. In addition to replicating the results from the paper, we investigate the model on a verification task, where the model is asked a yes-no question. The model struggles to respond to these questions and even contradicts itself within the same response.

2023 **AutoArt, Neural Style Transfer.**

- *Technologies:* Computer Vision, Deep Learning
- *Course:* Computer Vision, CIS 5810
- *Description:* Implemented two novel methods to improve our outputs for neural style transfer: (i) fine-tuning the model as a classification for a particular style, and (ii) flattening the layers to allow us the convenience of adding style and content loss inside the blocks. Concluded that mobilenetv2 with flattening with a fine-tuned model gave the best visual results.

2023 **Live Poets Society, Goodreads clone.**

- *Technologies:* ReactJS, MySQL
- *Course:* Database Management System, CIS 5500
- *Description:* Created a social cataloguing application specifically for poetry lovers, that enables users to explore the world of poetry through an extensive collection of books, series, authors, and reviews.

2022 **Could this be any better?, Multimodal Sarcasm Detector.**

- *Domain:* Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing
- *Course:* Natural Language Processing, CIS 5300
- *Description:* Implemented a multimodal sarcasm detector using video, audio, and text features from the MUSTARD dataset. Trained and analysed the performance of LSTMs with different types of attention. Concluded that the best-performing model learns a bias towards labelling data as sarcastic, but it does very well in detecting non-sarcastic data.

2022 **Hostelite, Hostel Management System.**

- *Technologies:* Flask, HTML, CSS, Javascript
- *Course:* Human-Computer Interaction
- *Description:* Created a website for enabling the handler of the hostel to be very efficient or to be good at calculations. Included main features such as managing data of students, staff, students' representative, admission process, mess, and maintaining exit-entry records of students who stay in the hostel, visitors, and couriers delivered to them.

2021-2022 **Improving Network Intrusion Detection System using Imbalance Reduction Techniques.**

- *Mentor:* Prof. Vaibhav D. Dhore
- *Domain:* Machine Learning and Network Security
- *Course:* Final Year Project
- *Work:* Comparing different imbalance reduction techniques, including undersampling techniques such as ENN, Tomek links, Cluster Centroids, IHT, Random undersampling, oversampling techniques such as SMOTE, borderlineSMOTE, Adasyn, and random oversampling, and ensemble techniques for improving Network Intrusion systems (NIDS). Inferred that the ensemble of some techniques helped NIDS to outperform individual techniques.

2021 **Alert!! False News!.**

- *Domain:* Natural Language Processing
- *Description:* Developed a Fake News Detector using a transformer-based model - BERT, with the help of the labelled LIAR dataset. Analysed the performance of our model with a confusion matrix to deduce which examples it performs well. Inferred that the model does well classifying false statements and does a poor job classifying true statements.

2020 **AlgoVisualizer, Visualizer for Basic Algorithms.**

- *Technologies:* HTML, CSS, ReactJS
- *Course:* Web Development Technologies
- *Description:* Developed a tool to visualise sorting algorithms like bubble sort, merge sort, and insertion sort. Created an interactive page that finds a path from the start node to the end node, using algorithms like Dijkstra, BFS, and DFS, and visualises it. Includes nodes with weights and walls as well.