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Education

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur(I.I.T Kharagpur), India   2012 - 2017
Integrated M.Sc in Mathematics and Computing - 8.85/10.0
Department Rank : 3
CBSE   2010 - 2012
Senior Secondary Exam 12th grade - 91.4%/100%
CBSE   2010
Higher Secondary Exam 10th grade - 10.0/10.0

Publications

- **Mayank Singh***, Nupur Kumari*, Abhishek Sinha*, Harshitha Machiraju, Balaji Krishnamurthy, V N Balasubramaniam. **"Harnessing the Vulnerability of Latent Layers in Adversarially Trained Models"**. **IJCAI** 2019. (Accepted, poster) (paper link)
    - Analyzed the vulnerability of adversarial perturbations at the latent layers for adversarial trained models.
    - Proposed a new adversarial training methodology to further increase the robustness of neural networks.
    - The algorithm achieved the **state-of-the art** adversarial accuracy against strong adversarial attacks.

- Puneet Mangla*,**Mayank Singh***, Abhishek Sinha*, Nupur Kumari*, Balaji Krishnamurthy, V N Balasubramaniam. **"Charting the Right Manifold: Manifold Mixup for Few-shot Learning"**. **WACV** 2019. (Accepted, poster) (paper link)
    - Analyzed the role of self-supervision techniques along with Manifold-Mixup augmentation technique on few-shot image classification.
    - Proposed a new training methodology for feature extraction inspired from self-supervision techniques to achieve the **state-of-the art** accuracy on few-shot tasks over standard visual datasets.

- **Mayank Singh***, Nupur Kumari*, Abhishek Sinha, Puneet Mangla, Balaji Krishnamurthy, V N Balasubramanian. **"On the Benefits of Attributional Robustness"**. arxiv preprint (paper link)
    - Proposed a robust attribution training methodology that maximizes the alignment between the input and it's attribution map. It achieves **state-of-the-art** attributional robustness on various saliency methods.
    - The proposed technique induces immunity to adversarial and common perturbations on standard vision datasets. It achieves state-of-the-art accuracy in weakly supervised object localization on CUB dataset.

- **Mayank Singh***, Nupur Kumari*, Abhishek Sinha*, Balaji Krishnamurthy. **"Understanding Adversarial Space through the lens of Attribution"**. *Nemesis* - **ECML** workshop. 2018. (Accepted, paper link).
    - Used the attribution of images as an additional input to train a classifier that can detect adversarial examples.
    - Proposed a technique to obtain attribution maps using adversarial perturbations in the image domain.

- **Mayank Singh***, Abhishek Sinha*, Balaji Krishnamurthy. **"Neural Networks in Adversarial Setting and Ill-Conditioned Weight Space"**. *IWAISe* - **ECML** workshop. 2018. (Accepted, paper link).
    - Proposed a methodology to increase the robustness of neural networks against adversarial attacks by promoting weights to be in well-conditioned space.

- Tejus Gupta*, Abhishek Sinha*, Nupur Kumari*, **Mayank Singh***, Balaji Krishnamurthy **"A Method for Computing Class-wise Universal Adversarial Perturbations"**. arxiv preprint (paper link)
    - Proposed a data-independent method for generating class-wise universal adversarial perturbations.

(* denotes equal contribution)

Work Experience

- **Adobe Systems, Noida, India**   July 2017-Present
    - **Adaptive Customer Journey**
      Worked on a reinforcement learning based approach to obtain personalized user journeys for marketing campaigns. A *patent application*(Adobe P7958-US) has been filed for the proposed methodology.

- **Video Tutorial Recommendation for Adobe Photoshop**
  Developed of a scalable video tutorial recommendation service in Apache Spark for Adobe Photoshop. The service is live and is integrated with the Adobe Photoshop.
- **Adversarial Robustness**
  Introduced a regularization loss while training neural network for image classification. This promotes disentangled feature learning at later layers of neural network. Also, it helps in achieving adversarial robustness. A *patent application*(Adobe P8327-US) has been filed for the proposed methodology.

Internships

- **Adobe Systems, Noida, India** May-July 2016
  Recommendation Systems

  Worked on a novel technique to learn representations of Items and users using GloVe for recommendation purpose. I developed an approach to solve cold start problem and segmentation problem using this approach.
- **Johns Hopkins University, USA** May-July 2015
  Compiler Design

  Project aims at building statically typed scripting language BigBang , which is syntactic sugaring of TinyBang. Implemented the Built-in features namely integers, reference cells and their respective operations of the core language of TinyBang under the guidance of Dr. Zachary Palmer and Dr. Scott Smith.

Achievements

- Won the **ZS Young Data Scientist Award**. It recognizes outstanding data science coding talent. 2017
- Recipient of **Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)** scholarship. 2012-2017
- Recipient of highest cumulative grade point average (CGPA) award in matriculation. 2010

Academic and Personal Projects

- *Sim2Real* **in Reinforcement Learning** Mar-Aug 2018
  To guide the random selection of environment variables in domain randomization motivated by adversarial training to learn robust policies that work in a real-world setting with minimal training on real data.
- **Topological Data Analysis** 2016 Nov - 2017 Mar
  To study the methodology proposed by Gurjeet Singh and Gunnar Carlsson (Mapper algorithm) and to explore the potential application of Mapper algorithm on social networks to identify important subgroups.
- **Stack Overflow Question-Tag Recommendation system** Oct-Nov 2016
  Project aims to build a novel hybrid recommendation system using both collaborative filtering and content based information to predict the tags for the stack overflow questions.
- **A local search engine for my home-city Patna** Jan-Jun 2013
  Built the website back-end using PHP, MySQL, HTML and also helped in designing in the website. Supervised and managed a team of 16 people in this venture and was a part of it in different areas i.e. Ideation, web-development, data collection, team management and promotion.

Positions of responsibility

- **Mentor for internship projects** May-July 2018-19
  - **Few-shot Learning** Responsible for guiding a undergraduate student on his summer internship project in the field of few-shot learning and reinforcement learning.
  - **Universal Adversarial Attack** Responsible for guiding three undergraduate students for their summer internship in the field of adversarial perturbation.
- **Teaching Assistantship** Jan-May 2017
  - **Regression and Time Series Model** Served as the T.A and was responsible for assignment creation and holding tutorial sessions for the same.
  - **Machine Learning course on classification and deep learning** Worked as a teaching assistant for a Machine Learning course that was offered to employees at Adobe Systems.
- **Web Secretary of Department of Mathematics, IIT Kharagpur** 2016
  - Responsible for the maintenance of Department of Mathematics's website.
- **Member of Entrepreneurship Cell, IIT Kharagpur** 2012-2014
  - Responsible for organizing and managing Global Entrepreneur Summit(GES) in 2013.

Languages and Libraries

Proficient: Python, Pytorch, Tensorflow   **Familiar:** C++, Java, Apache Spark, OpenMP, OpenCV