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Georgia Tech, PhD in Computer Science **EDUCATION**

2017-present

IIT Kanpur, B. Tech in Computer Science, CGPA: 9.7/10

2013-2017

PUBLICATIONS Vikas Jain*, Nirbhay Modhe*, Piyush Rai. Scalable Generative Models for Multi-label Learning with Missing Labels. International Conference on Machine Feb 2017 Learning (ICML), 2017

RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE** Georgia Tech, Prof. Dhruv Batra & Prof. Devi Parikh

Aug 17' - Nov '17

Towards Smarter Q-Bots in Visual Dialog

(video ▶, pres ♂)

• Explored ways of making the Questioner Bot ask more discriminative questions in the visual dialog task where two agents play a cooperative image-guessing game

IIT Kanpur, Prof. Amitabha Mukerjee

May '15 – August '15

Reconstructing Unique Inversions for Deep Model of Motion

(report ♂)

- Extended the Convolutional Chair Generation model by Dosovitsky et. al. for reconstructing poses of a 3 DOF robotic arm.
- Obtained a labelled dataset of the CRS Robot Arm using 6 cameras and used the proposed CNN to learn the robot image representations.

IIT Kanpur, Prof. Raghunath Tewari

Dec '15 - April '16

Probabilistic Polynomial Method in Circuit Complexity

(pres ♂, report ♂)

- Studied the application of the probabilistic polynomial method by Ryan Williams in the All Pairs Shortest Path and Boolean Orthogonal Detection problem.
- Proposed the application of this method to solve min-plus matrix multiplication faster by using the tensor product decomposition of the two matrices.

INTERNSHIPS

SRI International, Giedrius Burachas

May 18' - August '18

Stochastic Video Prediction for Navigation

 Applied disentangled representations for stochastic video prediction in a virtual Unity3D environment and the KITTI dataset.

University of Texas at Dallas, Prof. Vincent Ng

May '16 - July '16

Event Coreference Resolution

• Explored the use of recurrent neural networks for event coreference resolution

TEACHING **EXPERIENCE** Fundamentals of Computing, Tutor

Semester I and II, 2016-17

• Taught in weekly tutorial classes, devised and graded lab exams, supervised weekly lab sessions, for two consecutive semesters.

Fundamentals of Computing, Academic Mentor, Counselling Service 2014-15

 Mentored academically deficient students in the course ESC101 (Fundamentals of Computing) through personal tutoring and doubt clearing sessions.

COURSE PROJECTS

Generative Image Modelling using DRAW

July '16 - November '16

Recent Advances in CV, Prof. Gaurav Sharma (code O, pres C, report C)

- Analysed the generative RNN model "DRAW" by Gregor et. al. by experimenting with the parameters and design choices of the enocder-decoder framework on the MNIST and Street View House Numbers (SVHN) cropped dataset.
- Implemented and evaluated three new modifications to DRAW which incorporate convolutional features, supervised learning and fully convolutional networks on the MNIST dataset.

Image Colorization by Patch Inference

Jan '16 - April '16

Computer Vision, Prof. Vinay Namboodiri (code ♥, poster ♂, report ♂)

- Implemented and evaluate a novel image colorization model inspired by the idea of "Fast Direct Super-resolution by Simple Functions" by Yang et. al. The model learns to color images by training on the luminance and chrominance values of local patches.
- Evaluated the model on a set of scene images from the Sun Database.

Word Sense Disambiguation in Hindi

March '15 - April '15

Artificial Intelligence, Prof. Amitabha Mukerjee (code ♥, poster ♂, report ♂)

Perl Compiler

Jan '16 - April '16

Compiler Design, Prof. Subhajit Roy

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ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

- Received **Academic Excellence Award** twice for outstanding academic performance (awarded to top 7% students in the institute) from 2013-15
- Received an A* grade in 8 courses (awarded to top 1-2% students in a course)
- Secured All India Rank 414 (among 150,000 students) in JEE Advanced 2013
- Secured All India Rank 313 (among 5,000,000 students) in JEE Mains 2013

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, C, C++, R, BASH, Perl

Software & Tools: TensorFlow, Theano, Caffe, Matlab/GNU Octave, LATEX, Git

OFFICIAL POSITIONS

Group Leader, Rubik's Cube Hobby Group, IIT Kanpur

2015-16

- Held workshops for various puzzles such as the Rubik's Cube, 4x4x4 cube, 5x5x5 cube, 2x2x2, Pyraminx and Megaminx
- \bullet Coordinated all Blindfolded Rubik's Cube Solving projects done by first year students in the summer of 2015

Event Coordinator, IORC (Indian Open Rubik's Cube)

March '15

- Appointed judges for all events as well as invigilated over all of them
- Acted as a judge for timing individual solves and provided official scrambles for puzzles

Student Guide at Counselling Service, IIT Kanpur

2014-15

• Helped 7 freshmen adjust to campus life on their arrival to campus, provided emotional support and academic guidance to them during their first year