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Education

KIIT University (formerly Kalinga Institute Of Industrial Technology) – Bhubaneswar, India July, 2015 - Present
Bachelor of Technology, Information Technology Current GPA: 8.75 / 10.0

South Point High School – Kolkata, India

Senior School Certification Examination (Grade 12) June, 2015 - 76.2%
Stream: Science with Computer Science as additional subject

Secondary Examination (Grade 10) May, 2013 - 87.4%

Experience

Indian Statistical Institute – Kolkata, India May, 2018 - July, 2018
Advisor - Prof. Bimal Kumar Roy

Research Intern at R. C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security, Indian Statistical Institute.

Indian Statistical Institute – Kolkata, India May, 2017 - July, 2017
Advisor - Prof. Ansuman Banerjee

Research Intern under the Summer Internship Program in Cryptology 2017, R. C. Bose Centre for Cryptology and Security, Indian Statistical Institute (funded by Microsoft Research India).

Publications

Kumari, Divya, Priyanka Nath, Sumran Kilam, and Aleena Swetapadma. **"Volatile Substance Abuse: A Nearest Neighbor Based Analysis."** In International Conference on Innovative Technologies in Engineering (ICITE), 2018.

Kumari, Divya, Sumran Kilam, Priyanka Nath, and Aleena Swetapadma. **"Prediction of alcohol abused individuals using artificial neural network."** International Journal of Information Technology 10, no. 2 (2018): 233-237.

Nath, Priyanka, Sumran Kilam, and Aleena Swetapadma. **"A machine learning approach to predict volatile substance abuse for drug risk analysis."** In Research in Computational Intelligence and Communication Networks (ICRCICN), 2017 Third International Conference on, pp. 255-258. IEEE, 2017.

Projects

Bias Verification Of Rivest Cipher (RC4) Keystream - Indian Statistical Institute May, 2018 - July, 2018
- Implemented a RC4 cipher in Python and proved that the second byte of the keystream generated by the pseudorandom generator is biased towards zero with a probability, which is twice the expected value.
- Created a sample dataset of 10 million cipher texts using randomly generated 32 bit keys, computed the probability distribution of each byte and verified the bias in the keystream by doing a graph analysis.

Vulnerability Analysis of Linux System Calls – Indian Statistical Institute May, 2017 - July, 2017
- Summer internship project, funded by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Government of India.
- Generated a dataset of labeled system call traces using an automated fuzzer based on American Fuzzy Lop.
- Developed a pattern matching & analysis application for Linux operating system calls to detect software vulnerabilities.

Drug and Alcohol Risk Prediction Modeling

- Applied supervised learning methods using Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to classify the susceptibility of an user to alcohol and drug abuse, based on demographics, five-factor personality model, etc.
- Achieved prediction accuracy of 98.7% for alcohol abuse risk and 81% for VSA (Volatile Substance Abuse) risk.
- Explored the number of neurons and hidden layers in the ANN model to predict the last usage time of VSA with 71.9% accuracy.
- Increased the accuracy of last predicted usage time of VSA by 30% by applying k-Nearest Neighbours classification.

Principal Component Analysis using GPUs

- Implemented dimensionality reduction by applying PCA on Fischer's Iris dataset and optimized it using CUDA framework on GPUs.
- Applied k-means clustering using scikit to verify that the reduction in the number of features did not compromise the information stored in the dataset.

Artificial Neural Networks Implementation On The Game "Snake!"

- Developed a popular video arcade game "Snake!" using the PyGame library.
- Extracted features by generating random moves and recording their results in the game, whether they were favourable or not. Trained two ANN models to predict moves for optimizing game score and survival.

Vigenère Cipher Decoder

- Built a Vigenère Cipher Decoder which can solve for unknown Vigenère Cipher keys and then decrypt encrypted cipher text encrypted using a predicted key.
- Applied cryptanalysis techniques (Kasiski Analysis) to predict key-lengths. Using the predicted key-lengths along with the frequency distribution data of letters in the alphabet, 5 probable keys are evaluated for decryption.

Bookmarkz: A Social Bookmarking App

- Developed a social bookmarking web application using Django framework, hosted on Heroku where an user can create an account, share bookmarks, vote on shared bookmarks, interact through comments, etc.

Naive Bayes Classifier

- Implemented a Naive Bayes Classifier in Python from scratch to classify handwritten digits in the MNIST dataset with a 64.3% accuracy.

SpaceTurtle: An Introduction to Turtle Programming

- Designed a teaching kit comprising simple interactive games to introduce kids to programming and encourage them to solve problems through logical thinking.

MysticSquare: An Android Game

- Made a Mystic-Square (also known as 15 puzzle) game for Android using Android Studio.

Technical Skills

Programming – Coded mainly in **C**, **Python**. Proficient in coding with C++ and Java.

Web – HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

OS – Linux, Windows.

Machine Learning Tools – scikit, Matlab, R.

Development Tools – Android Studio, Android SDK, SQL (MySQL, Oracle), Latex.

Relevant Courses Taken

Linear Algebra, Data Structures & Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming, Probability & Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Computer Networking, Operating Systems, Database Management Systems, Data Mining, Data Warehousing, Artificial Intelligence.

MOOCs – Machine Learning (by Andrew Ng), Cryptography I (by Dan Boneh).

Honors & Achievements

- Secured 4th position among 11,000 participants in the 4th CSI National Programming Contest 2017 organised by the Computer Society Of India.
- Won 2nd place in HelloWeb Hackathon 2016 hosted by the MozillaBBSR Club by designing a teaching kit to introduce kids to programming.
- Secured a perfect score (100%) in Mathematics in statewide Secondary Examination, 2013 among 1,020,000 students.
- Awarded Chitroprobha Upadhi Certification by Bengal Music College, Kolkata, India in 2012 on completing a 6-year course on Painting.
- Selected as one of 20 student judges from MP Birla group of schools for the cultural committee MP Birla Puja Utkarsh Samman 2014.