# **Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy**

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Southern California - Viterbi School of Engineering

January 2019-December 2020

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (Machine Learning)

Coursework: Probability, Linear Algebra, Pattern Recognition, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Data Mining

Anna University June 2013-April 2017

Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical and Electronics

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

• Languages: Python, Java, C/C++, MATLAB, Bash

• Tools: NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, Spark, Git, Docker

• Data Visualization: Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly

• **Deep Learning:** Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch

• Databases: MySQL, MongoDB

• Vision and Language: OpenCV, NLTK, Spacy

• ML and Statistics: Scikit-learn, Statsmodels

• Cloud Services: AWS, GCP

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Research Intern

May 2020-August 2020

HP Inc., Palo Alto

- Devised an end-to-end heart rate calculation model from Photoplethysmography (PPG) time-series sensor data in **Python.** Reduced mean error by **30%** through spectral filtering and peak validation; collaborated with production team for porting model to **C** for release.
- Achieved 80% accuracy in predicting cognitive load of individuals through PPG wave morphology.
  Trained 1D Convolutional Neural Network to capture shape of data from 450 participants on AWS EC2.

#### **NLP & Deep Learning intern**

June 2018-August 2018

Teknuance Info Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Chennai

• Examined **deep learning** techniques such as seq2seq LSTMs, Word2Vec, GloVe, etc. for performing **NLP** tasks -- text summarization, topic modeling on business data.

## **Volunteer Research Assistant**

**April 2017-June 2018** 

Solarillion Foundation, Chennai

- Led a team of four to develop a human activity recognition system from smartphone sensor data with 43 million samples. Tested various CNN and RNN ensembles and designed HARNet.
- Equipped **HARNet** with support for **on-device** incremental learning resulting in an increase in accuracy of **~35%** of least performing end-user.
- Devised a **low-cost** system for non-intrusive load monitoring on Raspberry Pi employing ensemble machine Learning (extremely randomized trees) with inference time of **400ms** and **86%** accuracy.

#### **PROJECTS**

### **Active Learning using Bayesian Convolutional Neural Network**

- Developed ActiveHARNet, a Bayesian Convolutional Neural Network with uncertainty estimates to update model based on real-time unlabelled data for Human Activity Recognition.
- Trained model online using active learning and improved mean accuracy by ~25% using 50% new data.

#### Recommendation system on Yelp data

- Performed collaborative filtering with **MapReduce** technique to predict user ratings on products from Yelp data. Employed **Spark** framework for parallel processing and predicted ratings with RMSE of **1.176.**
- Created **NLP** pipeline to calculate **TF-IDF** scores on text data and built content-based recommender system to recommend similar products based on user history.

# **BFR Algorithm for large scale K-Means**

• Implemented Bradley-Fayyad-Reina algorithm for distributed **K-Means** clustering on Yelp data using Python and Spark; obtained **90%** agreement with ground-truth clusters.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Gautham Krishna Gudur, <u>Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy</u>, Venkatesh Umaashankar, "ActiveHARNet: Towards On-Device Deep Bayesian Active Learning for Human Activity Recognition", ACM MobiSys 2019, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop on Embedded and Mobile Deep Learning, Seoul, South Korea.
- Gautham Krishna Gudur, <u>Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy</u>, Venkatesh Umaashankar "Handling Real-time Unlabeled Data in Activity Recognition using Deep Bayesian Active Learning and Data Programming", MobiUK 2019, University of Oxford [Extended Abstract].
- <u>Prahalathan Sundaramoorthy</u>, Gautham Krishna Gudur, Manav Rajiv Moorthy, R Nidhi Bhandari, Vineeth Vijayaraghavan, "HARNet: Towards On-Device Incremental Learning using Deep Ensembles on Constrained Devices", ACM MobiSys 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Embedded and Mobile Deep Learning, Munich, Germany.
- A. K. Jain, S. S. Ahmed, <u>P. Sundaramoorthy</u>, R. Thiruvengadam, V. Vijayaraghavan, "Current peak based Device Classification in NILM on a low-cost embedded platform using Extra-trees," 2017 IEEE MIT Undergraduate Research Technology Conference (URTC), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 2017.

#### **AWARDS**

- **First prize** among 50 participants in project exhibition **PROXPO 2016** organized by Velammal Engineering College, Chennai.
- **Runner up** in **Badminton** at the intramural sports competition among 8 departments conducted by Velammal Engineering College in 2016.

### LANGUAGES:

- Read, write, speak English, Tamil
- *Speak* Hindi, Kannada