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INTERESTS

Efficient ML, Computer Vision, Generative Models, Mathematics, Research

Computer Languages: C++, Python, SQL

Software Packages: PyTorch, JAX, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Numpy, Git, Docker, Tensorflow, is, OpenCV, Optuna

EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Integrated MS, Applied Mathematics

July 2019 - May 2024 Overall GPA: **9.44**/10

PUBLICATIONS

- Sahil Goyal, Debapriya Tula, Prateek Jain, Sujoy Paul et al. MaGNeTS: Masked Generative Nested Transformers with Decode Time Scaling. *ICML* 2025, *ICLR* (*DeLTa Workshop*) 2025. [Paper] [Poster]
- Sahil Goyal, Abhinav Mahajan, et al. Design-o-meter: Towards Evaluating and Refining Graphic Designs. *WACV* 2025. [Paper] [Poster] [Project]
- Sahil Goyal, Shagun Uppal, Sarthak Bhagat, et al. Emotionally Enhanced Talking Face Generation. *ICCV* 2023 (CVEU Workshop) and ACM MM 2023 (McGE Workshop). [Paper] [Poster] [Code]
- Sahil Goyal, Shagun Uppal, Sarthak Bhagat, et al. Emotional talking faces: Making videos more expressive and realistic. ACM MM ASIA (Best Demo Paper Award). [Paper] [Demo]

EXPERIENCE

Research Associate at GOOGLE-DEEPMIND

June 2024 - Present

- Efficient and Elastic ML.
- Image/Video Generation, Foundational models.
- Working on VEO and Gemini.

AI Internship at ADOBE-RESEARCH

May 2023 - July 2023

- A Novel **self-supervised** approach to evaluate Graphic Designs quantitatively (Grammarly for Graphic Designs).
- Used **Siamese** networks along with Design Heuristics to score Graphic Designs.
- Modified advanced **Genetic Algorithms** (NSGA-II) for **Layout optimization**.
- Achieved 95.1% accuracy using GroupNorm.
- Deployed the entire system as a Flask Web Application with potential integration into **Adobe Express**.
- Worked under the supervision of Dr. Joseph KJ and Dr. Balaji Vasan Srinivasan.

AI Research Internship at MIDAS-IIITD

September 2021 - January 2023

- A novel CNN-based talking face generation network involving lipsync and explicit emotions.
- New skip-connections-based concatenation technique to concatenate video, audio, and emotion embeddings.
- SOTA results on CREMA-D dataset (83.2% emotion classification accuracy and FID metric: 5.29).
- Deployed the entire system as an interactive web interface.
- Worked under the supervision of Dr. Rajiv Ratn Shah.

Machine Learning Internship at PANDO

March 2021

- Optimized a heuristic algorithm (3-D loading space optimization for transport).
- Used vectorized operations and parallel computing (Numpy and PyTorch).
- Reduced the algorithm's running time by 95 % on real-world data.

PROJECTS B.C. (BEFORE CHATGPT)

Model Extraction Attacks for Video Classification [Code]

Feb 2022 - March 2022

- Model extraction on video-based models (Swin-T and MoViNet-A2-Base) in the black box and grey box settings.
- Used **Knowledge Distillation**-based technique on **Kinetics** dataset.
- Utilized Data Free Model Extraction framework, synthetic data, image stacking, and data augmentation.

Global-Wheat-Detection-2021-Challenge [Code]

June 2021 - July 2021

- Performed detailed **EDA** on wheat images acquired from different continents.
- Experimented Faster RCNN with different ResNet and ResNext backbones for wheat-head detection.
- Utilized Data augmentation, Non-Maximum Suppression, Weighted boxes fusion, and Pseudo Labeling.
- Achieved **56.2**% Average Domain Accuracy.

BicycleGAN [Code] [Blog]

Dec 2020

- Used BicycleGAN for 2 tasks: Edges to Images (Edges to Shoes dataset) and Denoising images (CIFAR10 dataset).
- A well-written blog on BicycleGAN.
- Achieved LPIPS metric of **0.16** (Edges to Images) and **0.33** (Denoising images).

VisualML [Code] [Demo]

May 2020 - July 2020

- A set of interactive ML visualization demos (browser-based).
- Contributed to **PCA**, vanishing gradients, and **ANN** demos.
- Used TensorFlow.js, Plotly.js, and numeric libraries.
- 110+ stars on GitHub

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Best Demo Paper at ACM MM ASIA '22 conference.
- Department Gold medal (IIT Roorkee Applied Mathematics).
- Reviewer at CVPR, ICML, ICLR, ICCV, AAMAS, WACV conferences.
- Gold medallist in Inter IIT Tech Meet 2022 (Model extraction task).
- Maximum rating: Expert, 1641 on Codeforces (handle: sahilgo)
- Open Source: 5 commits to PyTorch-Vision.
- Awarded ACM SigMM student travel grant for ACM MM Asia '22.
- Represented IIT Roorkee in Inter IIT Tech Meet 2021 (NLP task).
- JEE Advance Rank: 1583

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES

• Senior member at Data Science Group IITR

January 2020 - May 2024

- Lead various ML projects.
- Discuss various basic as well as advanced research papers.
- Organize several hackathons for students.
- Contribute to **open-source** organizations such as PyTorch.

• Undergraduate Teaching Assistant of Academic Reinforcement Program

April 2021 - July 2021

• Member of National Social Service IITR

August 2019 - August 2020