Saurabh Deshpande

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Overview -



Skills -

ML Frameworks: TensorFlow, Tensor-Flow Probability, Keras, PyTorch, Scikitlearn

Programming: Python (NumPy, Pandas, Scipy, FastAPI), SQL

Business: Product development, Presentation, Analytical thinking, Problem Solving Skills

Courses: Oxford machine learning school, Data visualisation, Uncertainty quantification, Operations research

Extra Curricular —

Sports

- Hostel squash & TT captain at IIT
- Represented IIT in inter-college TT tournament 'Sportfest'
- · Represented Latur district in Maharashtra state level TT tournaments
- 2 gold & 2 silver medals in squash and 1 gold & 1 silver medal in waterpolo in IIT inter hostel tournaments
- · Member of ISRO table tennis (TT) and football team
- Represented the Uni. of Luxembourg in the PCU Chess cup, Antwerp

Music

- · Written/composed two songs, available on major streaming platforms.
- Performed as a harmonium player in a concert in Karlsruhe, attended by an audience of 70 paid guests.

Education

Uni. of Luxembourg PhD in Machine Learning (Marie Curie fellow)

IIT Madras B.Tect + M.Tech 8.5/10.0 2012 - 2017 (Mechanical + applied mathematics)

Publications

10+ publications in the top tier journal and conferences (refer google scholar)

Professional Experience

Computer Vision Engineer

Circu Li-ion GmbH, Karlsruhe, Germany

Sep 24 - Dec 19

Excellent Thesis Award

2019 - 2023

- · Developed specialized Python packages and API endpoints, to automate robotic disassembly processes for electric vehicle batteries, saving 10x process time.
- Developed and deployed novel method integrating 2D image registration with 3D point cloud registration to compute battery displacement relative to reference positions in **production environments**, achieving **1mm accuracy**.
- Evaluated object detection frameworks (MMDetection, Detectron2, YOLO) on proprietary datasets, driving critical business decisions.

Postdoctoral Researcher

University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Aug 23 - July 24

- Developed fast and accurate probabilistic ML model achieving a 100x speedupfor simulating non-linear finite element problems.
- Generated high-quality datasets using numerical techniques (finite element method) to train autoencoder-based neural networks integrated with Gaussian Processes.
- Developed a DL-based nucleus detection system for microscopic images of human tissues, achieving 95% mean Average Precision (mAP) across diverse samples.

Scientist/Engineer 'SC'

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), India

July 17- May 19

- Work involved from scratch product realization (mathematical modeling, mechanical design, assembly-integration) for the leading space missions of the country.
- · Developed India's first indigenous high accuracy (1') telescope pointing mechanism. My concept was utilized in on-board satellite payload of GSAT-29 satellite.

PhD Research

Scalable Deep learning (DL) techniques for scientific simulations

PhD thesis with Prof. Bordas (highly cited researcher)

Aug 19 - Aug 23

- Developed DL techniques (Bayesian, geometric, physics informed) for real time simulations of non-linear phenomena in mechanics (Ex. soft body deformations).
- Developed and open sourced novel graph neural network layers, refer MAGNET.
- Developed a probabilistic deep learning framework for predicting soft body deformations along with the associated uncertainties, refer paper.

Selected Awards

- Excellent Doctoral Thesis: In 10% out of 200 PhD graduates in 2023.
- MSCA fellowship: Prestigious Marie Skłodowaska Curie Actions funded PhD.
- IIT JEE: Top 0.5% to get into IIT Madras, the best engineering institute in India.
- Best ML presentation: Machine learning school, Uni. of Bern (price worth 400 CHF).
- KVPY fellowship: Top 0.5% in India to be awarded the prestigious fellowship.
- Regional Maths Olympiad: State rank 6 in 2009 and state rank 26 in 2011.

Positions of Responsibility

Student Representative Positions, Uni. of Luxembourg [Elect] Aug 21 - Dec 22

- For the Doctoral School of Science and Engineering (DSSE) (~600 PhDs)
- For the Marie Curie ITN Rainbow network (~15 PhDs)