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EDUCATION

# University of California San Diego,

- MS. Intelligent Systems, Jacob's School of Engineering (GPA: 3.5/4)
- Certificate: Micro MBA, Rady School of Management, UCSD
- Received grades A+ in Data Analysis grad course, A in Recommender Systems course

# Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences, Pilani,

• BE. Electrical and Electronics Engineering (GPA: 8.35/10)

WORK Experience

# Graduate Intern, IgrenEnergi, Inc

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

• Implemented **predictive models** to predict power for PV array using weather data, solar data, panel characteristics and shading patterns in Python.

## Undergraduate Intern, Intel

July 2014 - Dec 2014

- As part of Intel's telematics team, I performed **sensor-fusion** by combining 3 sensor data: accelerometer, gyro and speedometer to predict real time g-force in 3-dim and implemented a rudimentary inertial navigation system.
- Implemented a pilot system on a Raspberry Pi platform using Python.

RECENT PROJECTS

# Predictive Modelling for Insurance Claim Approvals

- Implemented an end-to-end R-based data solution to classify 114000 insurance claims in an unclean imbalanced dataset with 133 variables. Performed data cleansing and explorations to visualize data identify important features.
- Predicted class probability using logistic regression, Random Forest, XGboost and compared performance. Achieved a logloss score of 0.456 using xgboost.

### Amazon Reviews Recommender System

- Built a recommender systems to make ratings predictions and estimate review helpfulness for a given database of Amazon reviews.
- Ratings prediction was performed using linear models and latent factor models using alternating LS and achieved a 28% MSE improvement over baselines
- Implemented GradientBoostedTrees to estimate helpfulness rating to improve MAE

## Image Segmentation using Probabilistic Techniques

- Performed object segmentation from given image using different learning techniques Maximum Likelihood, Bayesian Estimation, Mixture models using EM.
- Improved classification performance, achieved dimensionality reduction from ML model to EM

### Handwritten Digit Classification

- Performed digit recognition using various techniques: bayesian estimation, gradient descent using softmax and feed-forward multi-layered neural net with backprop in Python. Optimized performance for different learning rate, network topology, activation functions batch size.
- Achieved a best accuracy of 96.8% on the Neural Net.

### Transfer Learning using Convolutional Neural Nets

 Implemented classification on CalTech 256 and UrbanTribes Datasets using a VGG16 CNN Model, using Keras-Tensorflow on Python.

RELEVANT SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP Languages and Tools: Python, R, SQL, MATLAB, Spark, C, Linux, Git

Libraries: Numpy, Scipy, Sklearn, Pandas, Seaborn, Keras, Tensorflow

Coursework: Principles of AI: Probabilistic Reasoning, Statistical Learning, Exploratory Data Analysis, Recommender Systems and Data Mining, Neural Networks, Random Processes

Concepts: Linear Models, Bayesian Statistics, Random Forest, Boosting, Clustering, PCA

**Leadership:** Led a team of 3 TAs and 8 tutors as head teaching assistant at UCSD. Conducted weekly tutoring sessions for a class size of 120 students