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EDUCATION

International Max Planck Research School for Intelligent Systems (IMPRS-IS)

Oct 2021-April 2025 (Expected)

Ph.D in Computer Science

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

2016-2021

B.Tech. (Honors) + M.S. by Research in Computer Science and Engineering

Cumulative GPA: 8.44/10 | MS Thesis

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Intern — Snap Research

April '24 - August '24

Technologies: Puthon, LLMs, Generative Models, Tex-to-Image Generation, Preference Optimization

- · Worked with Dr. Jian Ren and Dr. Anil Kag in the Creative Vision group at Snap Research.
- · Improved text-to-image models (e.g. SDXL, SD3) by over 10% on quantitative benchmarks using Direct Preference Optimization.
- · Work on novel preference objective and optimization strategy led to a publication and patent filing.

PhD Candidate — University of Tübingen

Oct '21 - Present

Technologies: PyTorch, Deep Learning, Diffusion Models, Multimodal LLMs, Inference-time Scaling

- · Work with Prof. Zevnep Akata and Dr. Massimiliano Mancini in the Explainable Machine Learning group.
- · Work focuses on enhancing compositionality of vision-language models in various multimodal settings.

Research Intern — NAVER LABS Europe

Jan '21 - Jul '21

Technologies: Python, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Optimization Methods, Self-Supervised Learning

- · Worked with Dr. Boris Chidlovskii and Dr. Jerome Revaud in the 3D vision group at NAVER LABS Europe.
- · Work on self-supervised methods for learning from noisy labels in class-imbalanced settings led to a publication and a patent filing.

Research Assistant — Center for Visual Information Technology, IIIT-Hyderabad

May '18 - Dec '20

Technologies: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Optimization Methods, Python, Matlab, PyTorch, OpenCV, ffmpeq

- · Worked broadly on developing various pipelines related to accurately tracking objects in videos.
- · Worked on on Hierarchy-Aware Classification leading to a publication at ICLR 2021.
- · Proposed an unsupervised algorithm for person re-identification in videos and used it to obtain state-of-the-art results on the popular Multi-Object Tracking benchmarks.
- · Developed novel analyses to highlight and understand the failure cases and limitations of various single-object tracking models.

Software Development Intern — Hewlett Packard Enterprise

May '17 - Jul '17

NeurIPS-W 2021

Paper | Code

Revisiting Visual Product for Compositional Zero-Shot Learning

Shyamqopal Karthik, Massimiliano Mancini, Zeynep Akata

Technologies: node.js, Angular.js, Bash Scripting	V
Worked on an internal tool to monitor and test security vulnerabilities on servers.	
PUBLICATIONS	
Scalable Ranked Preference Optimization for Text-to-Image Generation Shyamgopal Karthik, Huseyin Coskun, Zeynep Akata, Sergey Tulyakov, Jian Ren, Anil Kag	Arxiv Paper Project Page
ReNO: Enhancing One-step Text-to-Image Models through Reward-based Noise Optimization Luca Eyring*, Shyamgopal Karthik*, Karsten Roth, Alexey Dosovitskiy, Zeynep Akata	$NeurIPS~2024 \ Paper~ Code$
EgoCVR: An Egocentric Benchmark for Fine-Grained Composed Video Retrieval Thomas Hummel*, Shyamgopal Karthik*, Mariana-Iuliana Georgescu, Zeynep Akata	$ECCV~2024 \ Paper~ Code$
Vision-by-Language for Training-Free Compositional Image Retrieval Shyamgopal Karthik*, Karsten Roth*, Massimiliano Mancini, Zeynep Akata	ICLR 2024 $Paper \mid Code$
If at First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again: Faithful Diffusion-based Text-to-Image Generation by Selection Shyamgopal Karthik*, Karsten Roth*, Massimiliano Mancini, Zeynep Akata	ICCV-W 2023 Paper Code
Test-Time Amendment with a Coarse Classifier for Fine-Grained Classification Kanishk Jain, <i>Shyamgopal Karthik</i> , Vineet Gandhi	$NeurIPS~2023 \ Paper~ Code$
BayesCap: Bayesian Identity Cap for Calibrated Uncertainty in Frozen Neural Networks Uddeshya Upadhyay*, Shyamgopal Karthik*, Yanbei Chen, Massimiliano Mancini, Zeynep Akata	$ECCV~2022 \ Paper~ Code$
KG-SP: Knowledge Guidied Simple Primitives for Open World Compositional Zero-Shot Learning Shyamgopal Karthik, Massimiliano Mancini, Zeynep Akata	$\begin{array}{cc} & CVPR \ 2022 \\ & Paper \ Code \end{array}$

No Cost Likelihood Manipulation at Test Time for Making Better Mistakes in Deep Networks

Shyamqopal Karthik, Ameya Prabhu, Puneet K. Dokania, Vineet Gandhi

 $Paper \mid Code$ ICCV-W 2021

Learning from Long-Tailed Data with Noisy Labels

Shyamqopal Karthik, Jerome Revaud, Boris Chidlovskii

Paper | Slides

Simple Unsupervised Multi-Object Tracking Shyamqopal Karthik, Ameya Prabhu, Vineet Gandhi

ArxivPaper

ICLR 2021

ViNet: Pushing the limits of Visual Modality for Audio-Visual Saliency Prediction

IROS 2021

Samyak Jain, Pradeep Yarlagadda, Shreyank Jyoti, Shyamgopal Karthik, Ramanathan Subramanian, Vineet Gandhi Paper | Code

Exploring 3 R's of Long-term Tracking: Re-detection, Recovery and Reliability

WACV 2020

Shyamgopal Karthik, Abhinav Moudgil, Vineet Gandhi

Paper | Slides

RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Statistical Methods in AI — Teaching Assistant, IIIT-Hyderabad

Jan '20 - May '20

· Handled assignment setting and evaluations for the course.

Computer Programming — Teaching Assistant, IIIT-Hyderabad

Aug '19 - Dec '19

- · Handled assignment and examination evaluations, and examination invigilation for the course.
- · Took weekly labs explaining various concepts of C programming language and clarifying doubts.

Discrete Structures — Teaching Assistant, IIIT-Hyderabad

Aug '18 - Dec '18

· Handled regular tutorial sessions, problem settings, and examination evaluations for the course.

MACHINE LEARNING AND COMPUTER VISION PROJECTS

Min-Cost Flow Networks for Multi-Object Tracking

qithub

Technologies: Python, networkx, tensorflow

- · Implemented a min cost flow network model within the tracking-by-detection paradigm to track pedestrians in a video.
- · Achieved state of the art results after extensive hyperparameter searching using parallelized grid searching.

Pegasos SVM Solver github

Technologies: Python, Optimization Methods, C++, MPI

- · Implemented a solver to train a Support Vector Machine for a classification task from scratch.
- · Extended the implementation to support kernelized SVMs as well as multi-class classification.
- · Parallelized the implementation on MPI achieving significant speedups.

GrabCut: Graph Cut Based Image Segmentation

github

- Technologies: Python, networkx, scikit-learn
- · Implemented graph cuts for interactive image segmentation using Gaussian Mixture Models to estimate probabilities.
- · Used Gaussian Mixture Models to model the foreground and background probabilities

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

C/C++, Python, MATLAB, Java, HTML, CSS, Javascript Languages

PyTorch, Keras, OpenCV, scikit-learn, ffmpeg ML/DL/CV

Software, Libraries & Tools Git, LaTeX, OpenMP, MPI, SQL, Bash

RELEVANT COURSES COMPLETED

Core Science: Distributed Systems, Database Systems, Operating Systems, Introduction to Parallel and Scientific Computing, Computer Graphics, Computer Networks, Algorithms Analysis and Design, Data Structures, Linux Tools and Scripting.

ML/AI Courses: Statistical Methods in AI, Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence, Optimization Methods, Mobile Robotics, Machine Learning for Natural Science.

Other Courses: Digital Image Processing, Digital Signal Analysis, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory, Discrete Mathematics.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND SERVICE

Served as a reviewer for CVPR 2022-24, ECCV 2022-24, ICCV 2023, NeurIPS 2023-24, WACV 2020-23 BMVC 2020-23

Recognized as Outstanding Reviewer at BMVC 2021, CVPR 2022 and, ECCV 2022

Won the essay competition at International Computer Vision Summer School 2023

Qualified for ACM-ICPC Asia Amritapuri Onsite Regionals in 2019.

Honourable Mention in Indian National Olympiad for Informatics and participated in Asia Pacific Informatics Olympiad (2016).