# SHAUNAK HALBE

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### **EDUCATION**

College of Engineering Pune (COEP), India

July 2018 - Present

Senior Year Undergraduate

GPA: 9.8 / 10

Department of Computer Engineering

Institute Rank: 1 / 700

Link to Transcript: Click Here

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# 1. DAIR: Data Augmented Invariant Regularization

Tianjian Huang, Shaunak Halbe, Chinnadhurai Sankar, Pooyan Amini, Satwik Kottur, Alborz Geramifard, Meisam Razaviyayn, Ahmad Beirami

Under review, Preprint coming soon.

#### 1. Reason & Act: A Modular Approach to Explanation Driven Agents for Vision and Language Navigation [video]

Shaunak Halbe, Ingrid Navarro, and Jean Oh

· 2021 Robotics Institute Summer Scholars Working Papers Journal, Carnegie Mellon University

#### 2. Exploring Weaknesses of VQA Models through Attribution Driven Insights [video] Shaunak Halbe

- · Second Grand-Challenge and Workshop on Multimodal Language, ACL 2020
- · Preliminary Version: Visual Question Answering & Dialog Workshop, CVPR 2020

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# University of Southern California

Research Intern

May 2021 - Present

Los Angeles, CA

- · Worked under the guidance of Dr. Ahmad Beirami (Facebook AI) & Prof. Meisam Razaviyayn on promoting invariance in Machine Learning systems across different domains through Data Augmentation.
- Extended the application of an invariant feature learning method to several tasks spanning visual classification, domain generalization and multimodal learning

# Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Research Scholar

May 2021 - Present

- · Worked under the guidance of Dr. Jean Oh on Vision and Language Navigation
- · Contributed to the design of a modular embodied agent in continuous navigable environments

#### Bennett University

Greater Noida, India

Summer Research Internship

April 2020 -July 2020

- · Studied the effects of Adversarial Attacks on Deep Neural Networks
- · Read and implemented several research papers on Adversarial Attacks for Computer Vision tasks.

# SILP Lab, IIIT Allahabad

Winter Research Internship

Allahabad, India Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

· Conducted Research under the supervision of Dr. Uma Shanker Tiwary in the domain of Computer Vision, specifically Object Detection and Instance Segmentation.

# RELEVANT COURSES

Data Structures & Algorithms Linear Algebra & Multivariate Calculus

Deep Learning Data Science

Operating Systems Artificial Intelligence Natural Language Processing Computer Networking

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages C/C++, Python, SQL, Matlab Software & Tools HTML5, CSS, Javascript, React.js

Platforms & Toolkits Jupyter Notebooks, Google CoLab, Git, Bash Scripting,

Linux Commands, LaTex PyTorch, Keras, Tensorflow

Deep Learning Frameworks

Research Interests Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing,

Deep Learning, Robust ML

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Institute Academic Topper, College of Engineering Pune 19-20 and 20-21

COEP's Alumni Association Academic Award in 2020 and 2021

Mitacs Globalink Research Internship 2021 (declined)

IUSSTF Viterbi Research Scholarship 2021

CMU Robotics Institute Summer Scholarship 2021

# **PROJECTS**

- 3. Financial Porfolio Manager: A complete investment portfolio system powered by Deep Learning Github Link
- 2. Adversarially Robust Capsule Networks for Image Classification Github Link
- 3. Image Captioning and translation into Indian Languages to assist the visually impaired Github Link
- 4. Instance Segmentation using Mask RCNN on Pedestrian Detection Dataset in PyTorch. Github Link

# **LEADERSHIP**

COEP's Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Club

March 2019 - Present

Research Secretary

College of Engineering Pune

· Lead a team of 20 undergraduate students to conduct research projects in Machine Learning.