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EDUCATION

Ashoka University

Sonipat, India

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Studies and Research in Computer Science;

Aug. 2021 - Present

Neuromatch Academy

Los Angeles, USA

Interactive Track, Computational Neuroscience Summer School

Aug. 2020

Ashoka University

Sonipat, India

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Minor in Biology: CGPA: 3.58/4.0

Aug. 2018 - May 2021

Tools and Frameworks

- Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, R, Apps Script
- Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow for Machine Learning; C#/.NET for Windows app development.
- Other Tools: GitHub, Selenium, Excel/G-Sheets, LATEX, GIMP.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Single Molecule Biophysics, Haldar Lab, Ashoka University

Sonipat, India

Software Development Intern, Supervised by Dr. Debayan Gupta & Dr. Shubhasis Haldar

Dec. 2019 - Present

- Building and improving covalent magnetic tweezers and associated software(s) for week-long single molecule force-clamp experiments.
- Learnt protein extraction and purification methods over Summer, 2020.

Neuroethology Lab, Ashoka University

Sonipat, India

Undergraduate Research Assistant to Dr. Bittu K Rajaraman

Sep. 2018 - Present

- Studying call pattern generation and production in Orthopterans using a mixture of simulations, electrophysiological and behavioral exploration, to develop circuit models.
- Assisting senior graduate students in conducting and designing behavioral assays.
- Experienced in field work and animal maintenance.
- o Created a spike-sorting pipeline using SpikeInterface for two-channel neural data from electrophysiological explorations on bushcrickets.

Work Experience and Internships

Alumni Relations Office, Ashoka University

Sonipat, India Mar. 2021 - Present

Website & Database Administrator

- Manager of alumni databases and the alumni web portal, with 1500+ active users.
- Supervised interns over summer 2021 to clean data and expand existing database by scraping 980+ LinkedIn profiles to collect and organize data on all existing alumni.

The Neuroscience Outreach Network

Princeton, NJ, USA

Community Outreach & Content Coordinator

Aug. 2020 - Jan. 2021

- o Project aimed at enabling access to education in neuroscience to students in underserved communities around the world.
- Tailored virtual/classroom lessons and material for individual grade levels.

DiverseNeuro.org

Multiple locations, India Co-Founder Jun. 2020

- A collaborative research venture between IISER Pune and Ashoka University
- Study on the international academic demographic in neuroscience, aimed at informing inclusive policy-making in academia.

- Capstone Project Data Compression Using Deep Probabilistic Models (2021): Ongoing project under the supervision of Dr. Mahavir Jhawar and Dr. Subhashish Banerjee, on methods to incorporate deep latent variable models into source coding for image and video data compression.
- Classifier Rules for the Majority Problem (Spring 2021): Simulated all elementary automata, studied its statistical mechanics and applications in solving the majority problem (a density classification task), both theoretically and as a proposed model to explain the less understood phenomenon of stomatal patchiness.
- Efficient Face-Mask Detection for Syndromic Surveillance (Monsoon 2020): Built an efficient face-mask detection tool suitable for cheap computation such as on mobile phones, webcams or CCTV cameras, so as to allow for real-time feedback into disease dynamics models.
- Prediction of Erroneous Decision Making (Summer 2020): Decoded neural data from Steinmetz, et. al, 2019, to predict erroneous decision making in trained mice. Used a GLM to predict whether the performance of trained mice that performed well in an 2-AUC experimental paradigm was affected by previous erroneous decisions. Project mentor: Dr. Adrien Peyrache, McGill University.
- Modelling Call Pattern Generation in Bushcrickets (Spring 2019): Exploratory project on call pattern generation in crickets and mechanistic models of neurons, particularly the Morris-Lecar 2-neuron model.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

Dept. of Computer Science, Ashoka University

- Introduction to Machine Learning (Monsoon 2021), Dr. Subhashish Banerjee; Class size: 70+; Ongoing; Tasks: holding weekly office hours, setting and grading all assignments, facilitating data collection for Ashoka's Faces Dataset (under preparation).
- Algorithms Design and Analysis (Spring 2020), Dr. Subhash Bhalla; Class Size: 70; Student Feedback: 4.46/5; Tasks: holding weekly office hours, setting and grading all assignments.

Teaching Assistant

Summer School, Neuromatch Academy (Online)

• Deep Learning Course (Summer 2021), Content by various professors from around the globe; Led 7-14 international UGs and Ph.Ds selected to participate in the *Interactive Track* of the programme; Led daily discussion sessions, taught deep learning tools from ground up on PyTorch, provided support to complete projects.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 100% Scholarship on Tuition and Residence, Ashoka University
- Merit Award for Enriching Campus Culture in 2019, as President of Vistaar, Ashoka University
- Merit Award for Enriching Campus Culture in 2018, as a columnist for Kalinga Magazine, Ashoka University

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Advisor, Women in Computing Society

Ashoka University

Sep. 2021 – Present

- Head, WiCS Workshop Weekends; Member since 2018.
- o Led 2 WiCS Annual Cryptic Hunts, our flagship event.

Student Representative, Dept. of Computer Science

Academic Advisory Board, Ashoka University

Sep. 2020 - May 2021

- Selected by the Head of Department, Dept. of Computer Science.
- Served as primary coordinator for all student-department communication.

President, Vistaar

The Music Society, Ashoka University

Sep. 2019 - Jan. 2020

- Implemented structural and policy-based changes that revived the society and allowed it to develop into a inclusive creative space for all types of musicians.
- Organized 10+ events and oversaw 4+ performing teams