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EDUCATION

IIT KANPUR | B.Tech in Computer Science | Expected April 2019 — CPI: 9.23/10
VBV, KOTA | 12th Standard | Year 2015 — Percentage : 93.8%
DPS REWARI | 10th Standard | Year 2013 — CGPA: 10/10

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am broadly interested in the field of machine learning, especially Deep Learning, Bayesian Machine Learning and their applications in Computer Vision and Natural Language Processing

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Received **Academic Excellence Award** at IIT Kanpur for the year 2015-16.
- **First runner-up** in National Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Competition, SAVe-NIOT 2016 in debut attempt.
- Secured Rank **74** in Goldman Sachs Quantify (2016) with teams from all over India.
- Secured rank of **190** in JEE Advanced 2015 out of **150k** students who qualified through JEE Mains.
- Scored 305/360 **(99.99 percentile)** rank of 777 in JEE Mains 2015 out of 1.5 million students.
- Received the prestigious KVPY fellowship 2015 given to **only 400** students in science stream from all over India.
- Received Merit Certificate in Mathematics for being in top **.1%** students in class XII examinations
- Received Merit Certificate in Class X CBSE Board for being in top **.1%** students all over the country.

EXPERIENCE

ENVESTNET YODLEE | Intern | Instance Selection in Big Data
Mentored by Dr Om Deshmukh, Director, Data Science | May 2017 - July 2017 | Report*

- Formed a data-driven Instance Selection approach from scratch that will significantly enhance the generalizability of all Data Science models implemented by the company and go into production.
- Tackled the highly complex problem via an efficient on-line clustering model in spark with growing number of clusters which undercuts the problem of Big Data and creates a proper representation of it.

GENERATING MULTIPLE PLAUSIBLE DEPTH MAPS THROUGH A SEQUENTIAL ADVERSARIAL NETWORK | B.Tech Project mentored by Prof. Vinay Namboodiri | December 2016 - Present

- Developed a novel technique to produce multiple depth maps of a scene from training on just a couple of images.
- Created an artificial dataset from scratch on Unreal Engine 4 and extracted Depth Maps.
- Produced good results on the KITTI dataset, showing the technique's ability to work on real life dataset.
- The work on its evaluation is presently ongoing, targeting AAAI 2018

PROJECTS

IMPROVING VARIATIONAL INFERENCE MODELS VIA NORMALIZING FLOWS | Course Project mentored by Prof. Piyush Rai | January 2016 - April 2017 Code* | Arxiv*

- Implemented Variational Auto-encoders with Normalizing Flows for generating handwritten numbers
- Produced richer latent representations in Variational Auto-encoders suited to data from different classes.
- Surveyed Various Techniques other techniques for Variational Inference, overcoming the mean field assumption.

INTERACTIVE BAYESIAN DOCUMENT CLUSTERING | Course Project under Prof. Piyush Rai | August 2016 - November 2016 | Code* | Report*

- Built a clustering model from scratch invoking user feedback via a cycle of rejection/acceptance.
- Implemented a prior over gaussian likelihood, down-weighing rejected clusters and vice-versa for accepted ones.
- Implemented it to cluster documents according to the topics contained in them, extracted through LDA.

AUV-IITK (AUTONOMOUS UNDERWATER VEHICLE) | Software Subsystems under Prof. K.S Venkatesh and Prof Sachin Y Shinde | December 2015 - December 2016 | Code* | Report*

- The aim of the project is to build **Institute's first** AUV. The vehicle is capable of following distinctly-colored lines, shoot torpedoes and drop markers autonomously using sensor data and computer vision, which has been integrated using Robot Operating System **(ROS)** .
- Applied Pose Detection via SIFT and SURF Descriptors for an L-shaped gate, identifying the angle made by it.
- Applied Convolutional Neural Networks for pattern detection via Tensorflow.
- Used OpenCV library along with ROS framework to implement various object detection algorithms

SENTIMENTAL ANALYSIS AND HANDWRITING RECOGNITION | ACA Project | February 2016 - April 2016 | Code* | Presentation*

- Classified movie reviews dataset part of NLTK corpus as positive or negative using Naive Bayes Algorithm.
- Did Handwriting Recognition on MNIST dataset using a feed-forward neural network, achieving **96%** accuracy.
- Experimented with quadratic, cross entropy and softmax loss functions to improve accuracy.

SEMINARS AND TALKS

HIDDEN MARKOV MODELS FOR SPEECH RECOGNITION | October 2016 | Presentation*

- Familiarized the audience with Hidden Markov Models and illustrated it's application on Speech Recognition

COMPUTER VISION IN ROBOTICS | Google Dev Group IITK | March 2016 | Presentation*

- Demonstrated the use of C.V. in robotics via ongoing projects using object detection and image matching.

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RELEVANT COURSES

Bayesian Machine Learning	Machine Learning Techniques	Data Structures and Algorithm
Introduction To Computing	Differential Equations	Logic in Computer Science
Probability and Statistics	Computer Organization	

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Torch • Tensorflow • Pyspark • Amazon Web Services • Unreal Engine• ROS • Shell Scripting • MATLAB • OpenCV • Github • Arduino IDE • LaTeX • HTML/CSS • C++ • Python

POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Editor, VOX POPULI | Journalism body of IIT Kanpur

- Moved Vox closer to people with articles voicing the opinions of the campus community and surveys.
- Lead articles on pressing issues like problems of PhD students, effect of coaching on IIT undergrads, statistical analysis of World University Rankings.
- Brought Vox to a larger scale by authoring an article that got published on **Business Insider** and **Times of India** .

President's Nominee Minimum Wage Monitoring Committee

- Took actions to reduce the **child labor** going on within the canteens inside different halls.

Secretary , Robotics Club

- An active member of the club with numerous contributions towards the day to day functioning of the club.
- Prepared a voice recognition Bot for SnT day 2016.
- Presented AUV-IITK in an exhibition in Techkriti 2015, the annual Technical fest of IIT Kanpur.
- Took part in various robotics events like IRGT in Techkriti 2015, Robotricks in Takneek 2015.