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Education

Dual Degree (B.Tech + M.Tech) in Electrical Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

July 2017 - Present

CGPA: 9.54/10.00

Publications and Preprints

- **Sourav Sahoo**, Puneet Kumar, Balasubramanian Raman, and Partha Pratim Roy. A Segment Level Approach to Speech Emotion Recognition Using Transfer Learning. In *Asian Conference on Pattern Recognition*, 2019. [[Paper](#)][[Supplementary](#)][[Poster](#)][[Code](#)]
- Amish Mittal*, **Sourav Sahoo***, Arnnav Datar*, Juned Kadiwala*, Hrithwik Shalu, and Jimson Mathew. Multi-Modal Detection of Alzheimer's Disease from Speech and Text. *ArXiv*. [[Preprint](#)]

*Authors contributed equally

Research Experience

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

May 2020 - Present

Guide: [Prof. Kaushik Mitra](#)

- Developed a deep neural network for end-to-end face recognition using lensless camera measurements.
- Currently working on learning-based methods for high-speed video reconstruction from a single rolling shutter capture from a lensless camera.

Research Intern

Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

May 2019 - July 2019

Guide: [Prof. Balasubramanian Raman](#)

- Proposed a new model that predicts emotion for multiple segments of a single audio clip and utilizes transfer learning to improve performance.
- The proposed model achieved 68.7% accuracy on the [IEMOCAP](#) audio-only database and outperformed the previous state-of-the-art model by 6.3% relative accuracy.

Selected Projects

An Empirical Study on Online Agnostic Boosting

Theoretical Machine Learning Final Project

Oct 2020 - Dec 2020

- Made a study on the recently proposed [novel online agnostic boosting](#) by conducting experiments on two different datasets to study the proposed algorithm's empirical performance. [[Report](#)][[Video](#)][[Code](#)]

Stochastic Mirror Descent in Overparameterized Models

Convex Optimization Term Paper

June 2020 - July 2020

- Designed and carried out novel experiments to prove the theoretical results on convergence and implicit regularization for overparameterized linear regression models and reproduce the experimental results for deep neural networks. [[Report](#)][[Code](#)]

Principled Uncertainty Estimates for Adversarial Robustness

Feb 2020 - May 2020

Estimation Theory Course Project

- Worked on obtaining principled uncertainty estimates in deep neural networks for robust detection of adversarial examples using various choices of uncertainty measures like Monte-Carlo dropout and Evidential deep learning method. [\[Slides\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)

Easy21: A simplified version of Blackjack

Aug 2019 - Sept 2019

Reinforcement Learning Course Project

- Applied various model-free reinforcement learning algorithms like Monte-Carlo control and SARSA to train an agent to play Easy21, a simplified version of Blackjack, from scratch. [\[Code\]](#)

Professional Experience

Data Science Intern

Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

Gramophone - Transforming Agriculture

Bengaluru, India

- Developed an algorithm for a chatbot system to diagnose crop diseases based on the user's queries.
- The algorithm detects the disease with at least 80% confidence within an average of four queries from the user from an internal crop disease database consisting of 6k+ symptoms for 500+ diseases.

Graduate Level Coursework

Applied Linear Algebra, Convex Optimization, Estimation Theory, Transform Techniques, Advanced Probability Theory^{*}, Distributed Optimization^{*}, Information Theory[†], Reinforcement Learning[†], Deep Learning for Image Processing, Theoretical Machine Learning[‡]

Awards and Honors

Selected to attend **Google AI Summer School**, India 2020.

All India Rank 584 among 200,000 candidates in JEE Advanced 2017.

All India Rank 49 among 1.5 million applicants in JEE Mains 2017.

Gold Medal in Indian National Physics Olympiad, 2017 and was offered provisional admission in Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI).

All India Rank 18 in Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana, 2015 and was offered provisional admission with a fellowship in Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bangalore.

Certificate of Merit for exceptional performance in Indian National Mathematical Olympiad, 2015.

Activities

National Service Scheme (2017) - Teaching volunteer in KV-IIT for Science and Mathematics

Online Tutor in Physics and Mathematics for JEE aspirants at Melvano, an IIT Madras start-up

^{*} upcoming semester [†] online (audited) [‡] current semester