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## EDUCATION

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**PES University, Bengaluru**

2018 - 2022

Bachelor of Technology

CGPA : 9.83/10

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Top 1%

*Relevant Coursework:* Machine Intelligence, Topics in Deep Learning, Big Data,

Linear Algebra, Practical Reinforcement Learning, Advanced Algorithms

## RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Fujitsu Research India**

Sept 2022 - Present

*Applied Researcher II*

*Bengaluru, India*

- Working on developing Graph Neural Networks that are scalable to large graphs.

**Mila - Quebec AI Institute**

May 2022 - Oct 2022

*Research Intern*

*Remote*

*Advisor: Prof. Yoshua Bengio and Anirudh Goyal*

- Worked on Self-Supervised Learning in close collaboration with Alex Lamb and Michael Mozer.

**Video Analytics Lab, Indian Institute of Science**

May 2020 - May 2022

*Research Intern*

*Bengaluru, India*

*Advisor: Prof. R Venkatesh Babu*

- Worked on Long-Tailed Learning (NeurIPS 2022), Domain Adaptation (ICML 2022) and Active Domain Adaptation (ICCV 2021).

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

(\* indicates equal contribution)

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**Leveraging the Third Dimension in Contrastive Learning**

Sumukh K Aithal, Anirudh Goyal, Alex Lamb, Yoshua Bengio, Michael Mozer

Accepted in *NeurIPS 2022 Workshop: Self-Supervised Learning - Theory and Practice* [\[Paper\]](#)

**Escaping Saddle Points for Effective Generalization on Class-Imbalanced Data**

Harsh Rangwani\*, Sumukh K Aithal\*, Mayank Mishra, R. Venkatesh Babu

In *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)

**A Closer Look at Smoothness in Domain Adversarial Training**

Harsh Rangwani\*, Sumukh K Aithal\*, Mayank Mishra, Arihant Jain, R. Venkatesh Babu

In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2022*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)

**Towards Domain Adversarial Methods to Mitigate Texture Bias**

Dhruva Kashyap\*, Sumukh K Aithal\*, Rakshith C\*, Natarajan Subramanyam

Accepted in *Principles of Distribution Shift (PODS) Workshop at ICML 2022* &

*Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability (ICML) 2022*. [\[Paper\]](#)

**S<sup>3</sup>VAADA: Submodular Subset Selection for Virtual Adversarial Active Domain Adaptation**

Harsh Rangwani, Arihant Jain\*, Sumukh K Aithal\*, R. Venkatesh Babu

In *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2021*. [\[Project Page\]](#)

**Robustness to Augmentations as a Generalization metric** [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Video\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)

**Sumukh Aithal K\***, Dhruva Kashyap\*, Natarajan Subramanyam

*1st Runner Up in [Predicting Generalization in Deep Learning](#), NeurIPS 2020 Competition Track*

**Methods and Analysis of The First Competition in Predicting Generalization of Deep Learning** [\[Paper\]](#)

Yiding Jiang, Parth Natekar, Manik Sharma, **Sumukh K Aithal**, Dhruva Kashyap, Natarajan Subramanyam, Carlos Lassance, Daniel M. Roy, Gintare Karolina Dziugaite, Suriya Gunasekar, Isabelle Guyon, Pierre Foret, Scott Yak, Hossein Mobahi, Behnam Neyshabur, Samy Bengio

*Proceedings of the NeurIPS 2020 Competition and Demonstration Track, PMLR 133:170-190*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Machine Learning**

PyTorch, Keras, Tensorflow, OpenCV

**Programming Languages & Tools**

Python, C, C++

## PROJECTS

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**Low Light Object Detection (Intel Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Project)**

Performed Semantic Segmentation on the Indian Driving Dataset using custom trained DeepLabV3+ network. Worked on low light enhancement techniques to improve the model's accuracy.

**Kaggle's ALASKA2 Image Steganalysis:** Developed a Custom EfficientNet model to detect hidden data within images. Won a Silver medal for being in the *Top 3% (32/1095)* of all teams.

**Imitation Learning on Enduro:** Trained an agent to play the game of Enduro using Imitation Learning on the OpenAI gym environment. [\[Code\]](#).

**Contributed to torchvision library:** Added support for German Traffic Sign Recognition Benchmark (GTSRB) Dataset in torchvision (11k+ stars) library. [\[Link\]](#)

**Generic B+ Tree:** B+ Tree data structure for generic types. Supports all features of Standard Template Library (STL) container. [\[Code\]](#)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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**Kaggle Competition Expert:** Ranked among top 2% of Kaggle participants.

[\[Profile\]](#)

**CNR Rao Scholarship:** Awarded to top 1% of the students at PES University.

2018-2022

**India Police Hackathon:** Among the top 8 out of 500 teams.

November 2019

**Bounce Hack 1.0:** Among the top 25 out of 2000 teams.

August 2019

**Intel - PESU Student Contest:** Awarded Best Completed Submission among 70 teams for the project on low light object detection.

May 2019

**Pravega IBM Hackathon, Indian Institute of Science:** Top 10 out of 100 teams.

January 2019

**Karnataka Common Entrance Test:** Rank 383 out of 0.2 million students.

April 2018

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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- **Reviewer:** ICML 2022, NeurIPS 2022. (Sub-reviewer: ECCV 2022)
- Problem Setter for The AICoding Club, the algorithms and coding club at PES University.
- Attended "Research Week with Google" 2022 organized by Google Research India.
- Attended Eastern European Machine Learning (EEML) Summer School in 2021.
- Attended CIFAR Deep Learning + Reinforcement Learning (DLRL) Summer School in 2021.
- Volunteered for the project at Mila: "COVI Canada: Peer-to-peer AI-based tracing of COVID-19".