

# Surya Teja Devarakonda

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## Education

### Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst

M.S. in Computer Science

Expected May 2019

Cum. GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

### IIT Hyderabad, India

B.Tech. in Electrical

Engineering (Honors)

Grad. August 2017

Cum. GPA: 3.41 / 4.0

## Skills

### Programming

Computer Languages:

C • C++ • Java

Scripting Languages:

Python • MATLAB • R • Shell •  $\text{\LaTeX}$

Library Familiarity:

Keras • Tensorflow • OpenCV •

Scikit-learn

Database Familiarity:

SQL

## Coursework

### Graduate

Probabilistic Graphical Models

Neural Networks: A Modern

Introduction

Reinforcement Learning

Algorithms in Data Science

### Undergraduate

Pattern Recognition & Machine Learning

Data Intelligence

Image and Video Processing

Introduction to Database systems

Monte Carlo Estimation using Bayesian Networks

Data Science for Internet of Things

## Links

LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/suryatejad](https://www.linkedin.com/in/suryatejad)

Github: <https://github.com/suryatejaddev>

## Experience

### IISc Bangalore Spectrum Lab

Computer Vision Research Intern | May 2016 – July 2016

- Worked on image segmentation for abnormality detection in endoscopy images.
- Developed convolution neural network models (CNNs), while dealing with challenges like data insufficiency, class imbalance, etc.
- Achieved a considerable improvement over the state of the art, with 80% Area under ROC Curve. Conference paper accepted at ISBI, 2017.

### IIT Hyderabad Immersive Multimedia Lab

Undergraduate Researcher | Jan 2016 – April 2017

- Worked on multi-class classification for detecting retinal abnormalities in OCT B-scan retinal images.
- Developed efficient supervised models using frameworks like artificial neural networks, support vector machines, decision trees and ensemble methods.
- Conference paper accepted at INDICON, 2016.

## Projects

### Ultrasound Image Segmentation and Classification of Thyroid Nodules

January 2018 – Present

- Working on a computer vision problem of image segmentation for detecting and characterizing thyroid nodules from ultrasound images using the TI-RADS ultrasound features.
- Developing image segmentation architectures using U-Nets and dilated convolutions. This project is in collaboration with the MGH/MIT Center for Ultrasound Research and Translation (CURT) lab at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Boston.

### Genetic Mutation Classification using Natural Language Processing for Cancer Treatment

September 2017 – December 2017

- Developed a multi-class classifier to predict cancer types of genetic mutations using text based clinical evidence, which in the form of relevant conference papers.
- Employed Natural Language Processing techniques like Word2Vec, Doc2Vec, etc., for training word embeddings and deep learning techniques like 1D CNNs, LSTMs, etc for classification.

### Medication Recommendation System using Reinforcement Learning

September 2017 – December 2017

- Developed a recommendation system for backpain medication using a weighted directional graph of relations between multiple causes, effects and medications.
- Modeled the graph as a Markov decision process and used reinforcement learning techniques like SARSA and Q-Learning for predicting optimal medication.

## Publications

- S. T. Devarakonda, K. K. Vupparaboina, A. Richhariya, J. Chhablani, and S. Jana, "Automated Detection of Retinal Disorders from OCT Images using Artificial Neural Network" in Proceedings of 13<sup>th</sup> International IEEE India Conference (INDICON), 2016
- A. K. Sekuboyina, S. T. Devarakonda, and C. S. Seelamantula, "A Convolutional Neural Network approach for Abnormality Detection in Wireless Capsule Endoscopy" in Proceedings of IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI), 2017