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Research Robust computing for perception, communication, learning, and reasoning.

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School of Computing and Augmented Intelligence

Advisors: Yezhou Yang, Chitta Baral Thesis: Towards Reliable Semantic Vision

Master of Science, Carnegie Mellon University 2017

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Mentor: Aswin Sankaranarayanan

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), BITS Pilani 2015

Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering

EMPLOYMENT Microsoft Research Summer 2022

HISTORY Research Intern, Adaptive Systems and Interaction Group

Mentors: Hamid Palangi, Besa Nushi, Vibhav Vineet, Eric Horvitz

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Summer 2021, 2020

Research Scholar, Machine Intelligence Group

Mentors: Rushil Anirudh, Jay Thiagarajan, Bhavya Kailkhura

Arizona State University

Graduate Research Associate, School of Computing and AI 2018–2023 Graduate Teaching Associate, School of Computing and AI 2018–2020

Snap Research Summer 2018

Research Intern, Computational Imaging Group

Mentors: Guru Krishnan, Shree Nayar

Carnegie Mellon University 2017–2018

Graduate Student Researcher, Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering

ST Microelectronics Fall 2014

Intern, High Speed Links Group

Steel Authority of India Limited Summer 2013

Summer Intern, Bhilai Steel Plant

Conference Proceedings

- [C1] Agneet Chatterjee^Ψ, Gabriela Ben Melech Stan, Estelle Guez Aflalo, Sayak Paul, Dhruba Ghosh, **Tejas Gokhale**, Ludwig Schmidt, Hannaneh Hajishirzi, Vasudev Lal, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. Getting it Right: Improving Spatial Consistency in Text-to-Image Models https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.01197 ECCV 2024
- [C2] Agneet Chatterjee $^{\Psi}$, Yiran Luo, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. Rendering Tools Enable Spatial Fidelity in Vision-Language Models ECCV 2024
- [C3] Agneet Chatterjee^Ψ, Tejas Gokhale, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. On the Robustness of Language Guidance for Low-Level Vision Tasks: Findings from Depth Estimation. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, pp. 2794-2803. 2024. https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.08540
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- [C4] Maitreya Patel^Ψ, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. ConceptBed: Evaluating Concept Learning Abilities of Text-to-Image Diffusion Models. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, vol. 38, no. 13, pp. 14554-14562. 2024. https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.04695
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 WACV 2023
- [C8] Maitreya Patel^Ψ, Tejas Gokhale, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. CRIPP-VQA: Counterfactual Reasoning about Implicit Physical Properties via Video Question Answering. In Proceedings of the 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, pp. 9856-9870. 2022. https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.03779
 EMNLP 2022
- [C9] Tejas Gokhale, Abhishek Chaudhary^Ψ, Pratyay Banerjee, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Semantically Distributed Robust Optimization for Vision-and-Language Inference. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2022, pp. 1493-1513. 2022. https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07165
 ACL Findings 2022
- [C10] **Tejas Gokhale**, Swaroop Mishra, Man Luo, Bhavdeep Sachdeva, and Chitta Baral. Generalized but not Robust? Comparing the Effects of Data Modification Methods on Out-of-Domain Generalization and Adversarial Robustness. In Findings of the Association for Computational

Linguistics: ACL 2022, pp. 2705-2718. 2022.

https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07653

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[C11] Neeraj Varshney, Pratyay Banerjee, Tejas Gokhale, and Chitta Baral. Unsupervised Natural Language Inference Using PHL Triplet Generation. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2022, pp. 2003-2016. 2022.

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[C12] Yiran Luo, Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. To Find Waldo You Need Contextual Cues: Debiasing Who's Waldo. In 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, ACL 2022, pp. 355-361. 2022.

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[C13] Man Luo, Arindam Mitra, **Tejas Gokhale**, and Chitta Baral. Improving biomedical information retrieval with neural retrievers. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, vol. 36, no. 10, pp. 11038-11046. 2022.

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[C14] Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. Weakly supervised relative spatial reasoning for visual question answering. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision, pp. 1908-1918. 2021.

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ICCV 2021

[C15] Pratyay Banerjee, Tejas Gokhale, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. WeaQA: Weak Supervision via Captions for Visual Question Answering. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL-IJCNLP 2021, pp. 3420-3435. 2021.

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[C16] Pratyay Banerjee, Tejas Gokhale, and Chitta Baral. Self-Supervised Test-Time Learning for Reading Comprehension. In Proceedings of the 2021 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, pp. 1200-1211. 2021.

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[C17] **Tejas Gokhale**, Rushil Anirudh, Bhavya Kailkhura, Jayaraman J. Thiagarajan, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Attribute-guided adversarial training for robustness to natural perturbations. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, vol. 35, no. 9, pp. 7574-7582. 2021.

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EMNLP 2020

[C19] Zhiyuan Fang, Tejas Gokhale, Pratyay Banerjee, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Video2 Commonsense: Generating Commonsense Descriptions to Enrich Video Captioning. In Proceedings of the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), pp. 840-860. 2020.

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EMNLP 2020

[C20] **Tejas Gokhale**, Pratyay Banerjee*, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Vqa-lol: Visual question

answering under the lens of logic. In European conference on computer vision, pp. 379-396. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2020.

https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.08325

ECCV 2020

Peer Reviewed Workshop Papers and Extended Abstracts

- [W1] Yiran Luo, Joshua Feinglass, **Tejas Gokhale**, Kuan-Cheng Lee, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. Grounding Stylistic Domain Generalization with Quantitative Domain Shift Measures and Synthetic Scene Images. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops. 2024.
 - https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.15961 CVPR 2024 Vision Datasets Understanding Workshop
- [W2] **Tejas Gokhale**. Towards Robust Visual Understanding: from Recognition to Reasoning. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, vol. 38, no. 20, pp. 22665-22665. 2024.
 - https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/AAAI/article/view/30281 AAAI New Faculty Highlights
- [W3] Sourajit Saha and **Tejas Gokhale**. Improving Shift Invariance in Convolutional Neural Networks with Translation Invariant Polyphase Sampling. In Workshop on Out of Distribution Generalization in Computer Vision at ICCV 2023.

 Workshop
- [W4] **Tejas Gokhale***, Joshua Feinglass*, and Yezhou Yang. Covariate Shift Detection via Domain Interpolation Sensitivity. In First Workshop on Interpolation Regularizers and Beyond at NeurIPS 2022.
 - https://openreview.net/pdf?id=YkPjTHZDdm

NeurIPS 2022 Interpolation Workshop

- [W5] Kuldeep Kulkarni, **Tejas Gokhale**, Rajhans Singh, Pavan Turaga, Aswin C. Sankaranarayanan. Halluci-Net: Scene Completion by Exploiting Object Co-occurrence Relationships. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops. 2021. https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.08614 CVPR 2021 AI for Content Creation Workshop
- [W6] Tejas Gokhale, Shailaja Sampat, Zhiyuan Fang, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. Cooking with blocks: A recipe for visual reasoning on image-pairs. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops, pp. 5-8. 2019. https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.12042
 CVPR 2019 Vision Meets Cognition Workshop
- [W7] **Tejas Gokhale**. Vision beyond Pixels: Visual Reasoning via Blocksworld Abstractions. In IJCAI, pp. 6436-6437. 2019.

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IJCAI 2019 Doctoral Consortium

Technical Reports and Preprints

- [P1] Sourajit Saha, Tejas Gokhale. Improving Shift Invariance in Convolutional Neural Networks with Translation Invariant Polyphase Sampling

 https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.07410 in review
- [P2] Maitreya Patel^Ψ, Neeraj Varshney, Agneet Chatterjee^Ψ, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, Chitta Baral. Reliability-Checklist: A Framework for Comprehensively Evaluating the Reliability of NLP Systems https://github.com/Maitreyapatel/reliability-checklist Tech Report
- [P3] **Tejas Gokhale**, Hamid Palangi, Besmira Nushi, Vibhav Vineet, Eric Horvitz, Ece Kamar, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Benchmarking Spatial Relationships in Text-to-Image Generation. arXiv

preprint arXiv:2212.10015 (2022). https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.10015

Tech Report

[P4] Ethan Wisdom^Ψ, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chaowei Xiao, and Yezhou Yang. Mole Recruitment: Poisoning of Image Classifiers via Selective Batch Sampling.

https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.17080

in review

Books and Monographs

[B1] Advances in Multimodal Information Retrieval and Generation Springer Synthesis Lectures on Computer Vision, ISBN: 978-3-031-57815-1 Man Luo, **Tejas Gokhale**, Neeraj Varshney, Yezhou Yang, Chitta Baral. [website] Chapters:

- Man Luo, **Tejas Gokhale**, Neeraj Varshney, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. "Transformer-Driven Models for Language, Vision, and Multimodality." In Advances in Multimodal Information Retrieval and Generation, pp. 11-34. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2024.
- Man Luo, **Tejas Gokhale**, Neeraj Varshney, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. "Multimodal Information Retrieval." In Advances in Multimodal Information Retrieval and Generation, pp. 35-91. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2024.
- Man Luo, **Tejas Gokhale**, Neeraj Varshney, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. "Multimodal Content Generation." In Advances in Multimodal Information Retrieval and Generation, pp. 93-134. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2024.
- Man Luo, **Tejas Gokhale**, Neeraj Varshney, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. "Retrieval Augmented Modeling." In Advances in Multimodal Information Retrieval and Generation, pp. 135-157. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2024.

Ph.D. Dissertation

[T1] **Tejas Gokhale**. 2023. Towards Reliable Semantic Vision. Order No. 30426752, Arizona State University. https://www.proquest.com/docview/2813822780

Intellectual Property

[IP1] Automated Evaluation of Spatial Relationships in Images (US Patent App. 18/198,593)

[IP2] Systems, Methods, and Apparatuses for Implementing Improved Diversity using Adversarially Learned Transformations for Domain Generalization (US Patent App. 63/468,653)

TEACHING Instructor, UMBC

CMSC 491/691 Robust Machine Learning

CMSC 491/691 Computer Vision

Spring 2024, Fall 2023

CMSC 898 Pre-Doctoral Candidacy Research

CMSC 799 Master's Thesis Research

CMSC 699 Independent Study

Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2025

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Teaching Assistant, Arizona State University

CSE310: Data Structures & Algorithms Spring 2020 CSE408: Multimedia Information Systems Spring 2019 CSE110: Introduction to Programming, Fall 2018

	Guest Lecturer, Arizona State University CSE598, Perception in Robotics CSE408, Multimedia Information Systems	Spring 2022 Spring 2019		
	Student Instructor , BITS Pilani Goa Campus CTE: Advanced Image Processing	Spring 2015		
Funding	UMBC Strategic Awards for Research Transitions (START "A Framework for Quantifying Typicality of AI-Generated			
	UMBC Summer Research Faculty Fellowship (SURFF) \$8,000 "Improving the Continual Learning Ability of Visual Recognition Systems via Targeted Unlearning" 2024			
	Microsoft Research Accelerate Foundation Models Academ Cloud Computing and OpenAI Credits	nic Research \$20,000 2024		
	Google Cloud Education Credits	\$2350 AY 2023-24		
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	MS Thesis • Neel Patel	M.S. CS [current], UMBC		
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	MS Thesis (as Committee Member) • Naomi Angela Tack (advisor: Don Engel)	M.S. CS 2024, UMBC		
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	 MS (Thesis) Mentees (before UMBC) Maitreya Patel (see publication [C8]) Abhishek Chaudhary (see publication [C9]) 	M.S. CS 2022, ASU [thesis] M.S. CS 2021, ASU [thesis]		

• ASU Capstone Project: Paul Butler, Jace Lord, Aashwin Ranjan, Sagarika	S CS, 2020 a Pannase, IY 2019-20
(Invited Talk), AAAI New Faculty Highlights "Towards Robust Visual Understanding: from Recognition to Reasoning	02/2024 " [website]
(Lightning Talk), IARPA Video-LINCS Proposers Day "Robust Visual Understanding: Knowledge-Guided and Multimodal Rea	02/2024 soning"
(Tutorial), Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision "Challenges with Evaluation of Text-to-Image Models"	01/2024 [website]
(Invited Talk), PRG Seminar, UMIACS (University of Maryland) "Robust Visual Understanding in the Multimodal Era"	11/2023
 (Invited Talk) "Towards Reliable Semantic Vision" Temple University, 04/2023 Colorado School of Mines, 03/2023 Case Western Reserve University, 03/2023 Indiana University, 03/2023 University of Maryland Baltimore County, 03/2023 Binghamton University, 03/2023 Rochester Institute of Technology, 02/2023 	pring 2023
(Tutorial), Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision "Semantic Data Engineering for Robustness Under Multimodal Settings	01/2023 " [website]
(Invited Talk) University of Illinois at Chicago "Robust Semantic Vision"	10/2022
(Invited Talk) Microsoft Research "Benchmarking Spatial Relationships in Text-to-Image Generation"	10/2022
(Doctoral Consortium) CVPR, New Orleans "Discovering Transformations for Generalization in Semantic Vision"	06/2022
(Guest Lecture) Arizona State University CSE 598 "Introduction to Generalization in Semantic Vision"	03/2022
(Invited Talk) Arizona State University ML Club "Robust Visual Understanding"	09/2021
(Doctoral Consortium), IJCAI, Macao "Vision Beyond Pixels"	08/2019
(Tutorial) Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Engineering Workshop, "Reasoning about Objects and Actions via Block-Play"	07/2019

Presentations

	(Invited) Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS Pilani) "Deep Learning Methods in Imaging and Computer Vision"	04/2018
Media	Frontiers of multimodal learning: A responsible AI approach Microsoft Research Blog	2023
	HuggingFace and Intel release a solution for high-fidelity text and image	
	NetEase (163.com), China	2024-04-03
Academic	Area Chair:	
SERVICE	• Winter Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)	2025
	• Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)	2024
	• Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) Rolling Review	2024
	• North American Chapter of the ACL (NAACL)	2024
	• Emperical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)	2024
	Award Committee:	
	• Best Student Abstract Award Committee, AAAI	2024
	Reviewer / Program Committee:	
	• Conference on Language Models (COLM)	2024
	• Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)	2023-24
	• International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)	2023
	• International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	2023-24
	• Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)	2022-24
	• International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)	2022-24
	• AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)	2021-24
	• European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)	2022-24
	• Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)	2021-24
	• Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)	2021-23
	• North American Chapter of the ACL (NAACL)	2021-23
	• Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)	2021-24
	• International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)	2019-2023
	• International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)	2022
	• IEEE Robotics and Automation Letter (RA-L)	2020-24
	• IEEE Transactions of Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (T-Page 1997)	AMI) 2024
	• ACM Transactions of Computing for Healthcare	2024
	• Springer Machine Vision and Applications (MVAP)	2020

Leadership: • Organizer, Tutorial on Responsibly Building Generative Models ECCV 2024 • Mentor, Undergraduate Student Consortium (AAAI-UC) AAAI 2024 • Organizer, Tutorial on Reliability of Generative Models in Vision [Website] WACV'24 • Organizer, Workshop on Open-Domain Reasoning under Multi-Modal Settings (ODRUM), [Website] [YouTube] CVPR'23 • Organizer, Workshop on Open-Domain Retrieval under Multi-Modal Settings (ODRUM), [Website] [YouTube] CVPR'22 Organizer, Tutorial on Semantic Data Engineering under Multimodal Settings (SERUM) [Website] WACV'23 • Organizer, 2021 Frontiers of V&L Seminar Series, [Website], [YouTube] ASU University Service (at UMBC): • Course Development, CMSC 491/691: Robust Machine Learning • Course Development, CMSC 491/691: Computer Vision [Website] • PPR Seminar: Advances in Perception, Prediction, and Reasoning [Website] • Graduate Admissions Committee 2023-present • Department Publicity Committee 2023-present • Faculty Mentor, Center for Women in Technology AY 2023-24 • Undergraduate Student Advisor 2023-present • CSEE Lightning Talks and Open House Fall 2023 • Reviewer, CSEE Research Day Spring 2024 University Service (at ASU): • Founder, Summer Vision Reading Group, [Website] • Course Development, CSE591: Frontier Topics in Vision & Language [YouTube] [website] Spring 2021, ASU • Volunteer, 2019 Southwest Robotics Symposium, Tempe AZ • Volunteer, International Conference on Machine Learning 2020, Virtual • Advisor, ASU Machine Learning Club, ASU • Award Reviewer, GPSA Teaching Award Reviewer ASU • Mentor, Graduate Student Mentorship Program, ASU • Project Mentor, CSE598 - Perception in Robotics, ASU Spring 2022 • Project Mentor, CSE576 - Natural Language Processing, ASU Fall 2018 CVPR 2024 VDU Workshop, Best Paper Award 2024 Research Excellence Award, ASU GPSA 2022 Outstanding Mentor Award, ASU GPSA 2022 NeurIPS Top Reviewer NeurIPS 2022 CVPR 2022 Doctoral Consortium CVPR. 2022 ICLR Best Reviewer ICLR 2022 SCAI Doctoral Fellowship (ASU), 2022, 2021, 2020

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AWARDS

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2023, 2020

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WACV'23, CVPR'22

ICCV'21, EMNLP'20, ECCV'20

Engineering Graduate Fellowship, (ASU Engineering)

Graduate College Travel Award (declined)

Graduate College Travel Award (accepted)

ASU GPSA Travel Award

IJCAI 2019 Doctoral Consortium

Inducted, IEEE Eta Kappa Nu, Sigma Chapter CMU, 2017 National Talent Scholarship, National Council of Educational Research and Training (Govt. of India) 2007–2015

References Available upon request