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Education

Jamia Millia Islamia

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communications (9.49/10 till 5th Sem)

August 2019 – Present

New Delhi

The Frank Anthony Public School

Science Stream (98%, ICSE 12th)

April 2004 – March 2019

New Delhi

Relevant Coursework

- Data Structures
- Database Management
- Computer Architecture
- Digital Signal Processing

MOOC

- Machine Learning: From Basics to Advanced
- Python and Flask Framework

Experience

RESEARCH

Ulm University

(June 2022 – July 2022)

DAAD-WISE Scholar

- Visited the lab at Institute of Neural Information Processing under [Prof. Friedhelm Schwenker](#) where I explored the topic of Compressed Image Super-resolution.
- Proposed a novel model and training strategy, utilising a pre-trained large scale vision model to assist in learning the representations from the compressed, low-resolution image. Evaluation with baselines showed competitive results.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

January 2022 – Present

Research Intern

- Associated with [VCL Lab](#), where I am working on Domain Generalisation for Person Re-identification task.
- Performed various idea implementations in code and ran experiments. Annotated CUHK03 and MSMT Datasets for person attribute information. Also responsible for visualisation of results in a descriptive manner. The work resulted in a paper which is under review at BMVC 2022.

École normale supérieure - PSL

December 2021 – March 2022

Research collaborator

- Worked with members of *Computational Bioimaging and Bioinformatics* team headed by [Auguste Genovesio](#) for a project on Quality Control of out-of-focus/noised images in Phenotypic Screening using Self/Semi Supervised learning.
- Responsible for setting up pipelines to pre-train SOTA self-supervised methods on 2.1M bio-medical images and evaluate the results on downstream classification task. Performed studies with transfer learning and semi-supervised learning as well. Finally presented the results in a paper which is under review at ECCV 2022 workshop.

IIIT-Allahabad

May 2021 – July 2021

Summer Research Intern

- Worked on the topic of "Automatic Detection of Image Splicing", under Prof. [Anupam Agarwal](#), in *Interactive Technologies and Multimedia Research (ITMR) Lab*.
- Did literature review and comparative analysis, implemented five baseline papers from scratch and ran various experiments/simulations, cross-evaluated the SOTA papers with different datasets and out-of-distribution training/testing environments. Concluded a study that the latest methods have an overestimated performance and are unsuitable for real-world applications. ([arXiv](#))

Jamia Millia Islamia

April 2021 – Present

Undergraduate Researcher

- Working on a problem pertaining to Facial Mask Detection, under Prof. Sarfaraz Masood.
- Did literature review and analysis, implemented many baseline techniques, designed a novel lightweight model with upto 496x reduction in parameter count in comparison to existing methods. Also, provided a large set of synthetic images developed by stitching masks on faces. The work is accepted at [ICMLDE 2022](#).

ENGINEERING

Omdena Global

September 2021 – November 2021

Junior ML Engineer

- Collaborating in a team of 50+ ML engineers to develop a production-ready deep vision system that uses geospatial data to provide accurate rooftop solar PV analysis, including factors such as total roof-area, roof obstacles, shadows/solar potential, rooftop material, etc. This project is in association with Rebase Energy.

OPEN SOURCE PARTICIPATION

- Successfully completed the Hacktoberfest'20.
- Contributed in Winter of Code, IIT Kharagpur (kWoC).

Projects

MACHINE LEARNING

Classical ML

- Reproduced 5 papers on the topic Image Forgery Detection that uses hand-crafted features for classification of pristine and tampered images.
- Diabetic Retinopathy Detection using Texture Features and Ensemble Learning (paper implementation). Achieved F1-score = 0.97 and accuracy = 97.2%
- Fog detection in images using GLCM based features and SVM (paper implementation). Got F1-score = 0.83 and test accuracy = 82.3%
- Phishing URL detection system based on URL features using SVM (paper implementation). Achieved F1-score = 0.99 and test accuracy = 99.2%

Deep Learning

- Image Inpainting using a U-Net model with a fused ConvMixer encoder. ([Report](#))
- Different Descriptors for Squeeze and Excitation Attention Block - experimented with standard deviation, trace, largest singular value, and DC coefficient of DCT instead of usual GlobalAvgPool2d. ([Report](#))
- *Background Remover* tool for portrait images of humans, made using a U-Net model trained for semantic segmentation of the image. The model achieved 0.981 IOU-score on test data. Also deployed on a [web-app](#).
- Implemented the paper - Medical image denoising using Convolutional Denoising Autoencoders(CAE). Achieved a loss = 0.106 or Structural Similarity Index(SSIM) = 0.894 .
- Image similarity measure through Siamese network on fashion apparels. Got an evaluation accuracy of 94.2%
- Plant Pathology Challenge, a FGVC8 workshop challenge at CVPR-2021 for multi-label classification of plant leaf diseases. Got 87.34% accuracy with a pre-trained model as feature extractor.

OpenCV Projects

- *Air-Piano*, an air-based piano enabling the person to play through hand(fingertip) movements.

WEB DEVELOPMENT

- *Banking System*, contains a simple banking system that enables to transact between the customers. It uses HTML, CSS, bootstrap, PHP, and MySQL, with the local server provided by the XAMPP.
- As a part of the InnerveSOC competition, designed a complete website template for Innerve Tech-Fest 2020, IGDTUW. **I was the adjudged winner.**

Miscellaneous

SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, PHP

Libraries: NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Sklearn, OpenCV, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Flask

Database: MySQL, PostgreSQL

Interpersonal: Communication, Public Speaking, Critical Thinking, Team Leadership, Team Management.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Organising Team - [NewInML](#) Workshop, ICML 2022.

ML/AI Dev - Google Developer Student Club, JMI

Youth Ambassador - HundrED Global Organisation

AWARDS AND HONORS

Robotics & AI Summer School 2022: Accepted to this summer school hosted by IRI, CSIC-UPC

DAAD-WISE Scholarship 2022: Financial aid for Summer Research Internship in Germany.

Workshop on AI for Computational Social Systems(ACSS) 2021: 3rd place in Student Paper Competition.

5th Summer School of AI 2021 - IIIT Hyderabad: One amongst 500 participants worldwide.

INSPIRE Science Award For Top 1%: Scholarship for Higher Studies by Govt. of India.

Mr. Harbinder Singh Dugal Rolling Trophy: Awarded for Proficiency in Science ISC-XII.

Mr. G W Mayer's Merit Scholarship: Awarded for excellence in Mathematics and Science.

Shanker Sumeda Rolling Trophy: Awarded for Excellence in Academics.