Vikram Voleti

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CURRENT PhD student at Mila, with Prof. Chris Pal

Joined in 2018

EDUCATION

University of Montreal, Canada

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Building a deep generative model for sculptures in 3D using images rendered in Blender
- Visual Reasoning via Language Grounding: integrating NLP into GANs for Visual QA
- Basic SLAM using monocular RGB camera on mobile phone

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

2009 - 2014

CGPA: 8.44 / 10

with Master's specialization in Instrumentation and Signal Processing

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IIT), KHARAGPUR, India

Research

Research Fellow — Applied Research Lab

May 2017 - August 2018

Experience International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) - Hyderabad, India

Prof. C. V. Jawahar, Centre for Visual Information Technology, IIIT-Hyderabad

PROJECT: Video Translation

- Generated lip movements in movies and educational tutorials to match speech in other languages
- Short paper accepted at CVPR Workshop 2018 (FIVER), full paper submitted to ICASSP 2019

PROJECT: Assessor for Lipreader

- Built a visual speech recognizer (lipreader) to classify spoken words by combining CNNs and RNNs
- Built an assessor for self-training on unlabelled data, zero-shot learning on out-of-vocabulary words

Consultant, Computer Vision — Playment (computer vision startup) — January 2018 - June 2018

Worked on semantic segmentation models for autonomous driving

Mentor — Foundations of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning — January 2018 - May 2018 IIIT HYDERABAD, INDIA — six months certificate program for software professionals

• Designed tutorials and lab sessions on artificial intelligence and machine learning, and mentored industry professionals.

RESEARCH PAPERS

- [1] Abhishek Jha, <u>Vikram Voleti</u>, Vinay P. Namboodiri, C. V. Jawahar, "Lip-Synchronization for Dubbed Instructional Videos" in *CVPR Workshop*, 2018 (FIVER) [pdf, url]
- [2] <u>V. Voleti</u>, P. Mohan, S. Gupta, J. Iqbal, "Simple Real-Time Pattern Recognition for Industrial Automation," in *Proc. International Conference on Industrial Design Engineering*, 2017 [pdf]
- [3] S. Jonna, <u>V. S. Voleti</u>, R. R. Sahay, and M. S. Kankanhalli, "A Multimodal Approach for Image De-fencing and Depth Inpainting," in *Proc. Int. Conf. Advances in Pattern Recognition*, 2015, pp. 1—6 [pdf, IEEE]

Thesis Projects

"De-fencing of Images using RGB-D Data" — M.Tech. Thesis

2013 - 2014

IIT Kharagpur — Prof. Rajiv Sahay, Department of Electrical Engineering

- Elimination of fence-like occlusions, and inpainting of images using RGB-D data
- Nominated for Best M.Tech. Project Award among three departments (Electrical, Electronics, CS)
- Research paper [3] based on work is published in the proceedings of ICAPR 2015
- Links GitHub repository containing thesis, presentation, code files, and results

"Identification of Bilabial Consonants in Audio and Lip Closures in Video" — B.Tech. Thesis IIT Kharagpur — Prof. Rajiv Sahay, Department of Electrical Engineering 2012 - 2013

- Measurement of synchronization between audio and video using bilabial cues in both modes
- Links GitHub repository containing thesis, presentation, code files, and results

Work Image Processing Engineer — Embedded Systems Team February 2016 - May 2017

Experience

GREYORANGE ROBOTICS, INDIA — a multinational firm that designs, manufactures and deploys advanced robotics systems for automation at warehouses, distribution and fulfillment centres

- Developed computer vision module to perform video processing in real time for warehouse automation
- Experimented with CNNs on GPU for classification of objects on warehouse conveyor belts
- Developed embedded vision modules in automated guided robots for warehouses
- Research paper [2] based on work has been accepted at ICIDE 2017, for publication in ACM

Associate Engineer — Avionics Software & Systems Testing Group July 2014 - February 2016 AIRBUS, INDIA — a commercial aircraft manufacturer, the largest aeronautics & space company in Europe

- Involved in development and integration of avionics systems for the long-range aircrafts family
- Simulated signal-level modifications to the Flight Warning Computer, adopting standard avionics coding guidelines (DO-178B)

Research

"Implementation of Carry-Free Arithmetic Operations in FPGA"

Summer 2013

Internships KU Leuven, Belgium — Prof. Ingrid Verbauwhede, Computer Security & Industrial Applications

- Designed and implemented addition, subtraction, multiplication using Carry-Free Logic
- Developed, tested and verified the modules in Verilog, and simulated circuits in Xilinx
- Links GitHub repository containing report, presentation, and related files

"Fingertip Gesture Recognizer using HMMs"

Summer 2012

IIT Kharagpur, India — Prof. Aurobinda Routray, Department of Electrical Engineering

- Implemented Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) in MATLAB, used to recognize shapes drawn by fingertip
- Links GitHub repository containing report, presentation, code files, and results

"Measurement of Intra-die Power Variation in Sub-nm FPGA's"

Summer 2011

IMPERIAL COLLEGE, LONDON — Prof. Peter Cheung, Head, Electrical and Electronics Engineering

- Measured the relative power consumption among the LookUp Tables (LUTs) of an FPGA
- Links GitHub repository containing presentation, certificate, and recommendation letter

TECHNICAL

Languages: C, C++, HTML/CSS, Javascript, Python, MATLAB, Shell, Verilog

SKILLS Operating Systems: OS X, Ubuntu, Windows

Libraries: CUDA, IDS (cameras), Keras, LATEX, OpenCV, PyTorch, Tensorflow

SCHOLASTIC

- Talk: "BigGAN Large Scale GAN Training for High Fidelity Natural Image Synthesis" [presentation] ACHIEVEMENTS — at Mila, University of Montréal, Canada
 - Talk: "Image de-fencing using RGB-D data" [presentation] at Max Planck Institute for Informatics, Saarbrücken, Germany
 - Talk: "Mathematics of back-propagation in multi-layer perceptrons" [link] at GreyOrange Robotics, India, and at IIIT-Hyderabad
 - Talk: "Intuition behind LSTMs" [presentation] at IIIT Hyderabad, India
 - Attended summer schools on Computer Vision and Machine Learning at IIIT-Hyderabad in 2017
 - Stood 3rd in Computer Vision Summer School out of 120+ participants, rewarded full fee waiver
 - Stood 4th in Machine Learning Summer School out of 120+ participants, rewarded full fee waiver
 - Won the SMS Classification challenge, participated in the Video Action Recognition challenge in the 2017 Hack2Innovate hackathon in Bangalore, India
 - Completed additional courses in Computer Science & Engineering at IIT Kharagpur
 - Algorithms-I, Artificial Intelligence, Computational Number Theory
 - Participated in Amazon Data Science competition in MVSP 2012, Kaggle competitions, Coursera courses on machine learning, computer vision, neural networks, natural language processing
 - Qualified JEE 2009 by IIT at 99.7 percentile, with All India Rank of 1330 (out of 384,977)