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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Speech Processing, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Major: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Master of Science in Engineering (M.S.E.), 2015

Ph.D., Dec. 2018 (Expected)

Advisors: Sanjeev Khudanpur and Daniel Povey

Thesis topic: Semi-supervised training of acoustic models for speech recognition

Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India

Major: Electrical Engineering, Minor: Operations Research

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech), 2013 (CGPA: 9.6/10)

Advisor: S Umesh,

KEY PUBLICATIONS

- **Manohar, V.**; Povey, D. et al., ‘‘*Semi-Supervised Training of Acoustic Models using Lattice-Free MMI*,’’ ICASSP 2018.
- **Manohar, V.**; Povey, D. et al., ‘‘*JHU Kaldi system for Arabic MGB-3 ASR challenge using diarization, audio-transcript alignment and transfer learning*,’’ Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU), 2017 IEEE Workshop on. 2017.
- Ghahremani, P.; **Manohar, V.** et al. ‘‘*Investigation of Transfer Learning for ASR using LF-MMI Trained Neural Networks*,’’ Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU), 2017 IEEE Workshop on. 2017.
- Povey, D.; Peddinti, V.; **Manohar, V.** et al., ‘‘*Purely Sequence-Trained Neural Networks for ASR Based on Lattice-Free MMI*,’’ Interspeech, pp. 2751-2755. 2016.
- Peddinti, V.; **Manohar, V.** et al., ‘‘*Far-Field ASR Without Parallel Data*,’’ INTERSPEECH 2016
- Liu, C.; Jyothi, P.; **Manohar, V.** et al., ‘‘*Adapting ASR for under-resourced languages using mismatched transcriptions*,’’ Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2016 IEEE International Conference on
- Peddinti, V.; Chen, G.; **Manohar, V.** et al., ‘‘*JHU ASPIRE system: Robust LVCSR with TDNNs, iVector adaptation and RNN-LMs*,’’ Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU), 2015 IEEE Workshop on
- **Manohar, V.**; Povey, D.; Khudanpur, S., ‘‘*Semi-supervised Maximum Mutual Information Training of Deep Neural Network Acoustic Model*,’’ INTERSPEECH 2015. **Nominated for best students’ paper award.**
- Trmal, J.; **Manohar, V.** et al., ‘‘*A keyword search system using open source software*,’’ Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT), 2014 IEEE, pp.530,535
- **Manohar, V.**; Srinivas, C.B.; Umesh, S., ‘‘*Acoustic modeling using transform-based phone-cluster adaptive training*,’’ Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU), 2013 IEEE Workshop on , pp.49,54

RESEARCH AND
INDUSTRIAL
EXPERIENCE

Intern at Microsoft Research in Speech and Dialog Group

Mentor: Mike Seltzer

June – August '16

Jelinek Summer Workshop on Speech and Language Technology (JSALT) 2015

University of Washington Seattle, Seattle, WAS, USA

July – August '15

Member of the research group working on “Probabilistic Transcription of Languages with no native-language transcribers”. We showed the utility of mismatched transcriptions from non-native crowdworkers for ASR.

Research Assistant at the Center for Language and Speech Processing

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA

Aug '13 – Present

MGB-3 Challenge 2017

Worked on speaker diarization, lightly-supervised ASR and transfer learning across domains and dialects (ASRU 2017)

NIST OpenSAT 2017

Worked on neural network-based speech activity detection using LSTM and statistics pooling for long temporal context

IARPA Babel

Low-resource ASR, speech segmentation, semi-supervised training for ASR

DARPA BOLT

Multilingual DNN for transfer learning across dialects

Intern at Analog Devices Inc.

Cambridge, MA, USA

May – Aug '14

Worked on time-frequency masks with multichannel audio for robust speech recognition

Bachelor's Thesis Project

Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India

Sept '12 – May '13

Proposed phone cluster-adaptive training model for low-resource ASR. (ASRU, 2013)

Research Intern at The Institute of Automation

University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany

May – July '12

Worked on modeling 3D objects from stereo images.

Texas Instruments Analog Design Contest 2011

Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India

Sept '11 – Feb '12

Designed and constructed a pulse oximeter on an embedded system for real-time estimation of respiratory rate. Among the top 25 entries to the TI India Analog Design Contest 2011.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant, Random Signal Analysis

DISTINCTIONS

- Alexa Graduate Fellowship 2018
- ECE Graduate Fellowship 2013, Johns Hopkins University
- Hamburger Fellowship 2013, Johns Hopkins University
- WISE Scholarship 2012, DAAD, Germany
- All India Rank **191** in IIT-Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) 2009
- Kishore Vagnayik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) Fellowship 2008, Govt. of India
- National Talent Search (NTS) Scholarship 2007, Govt. of India
- Member of IIT Madras team at the National Robotics Contest, Abu Robocon 2011. Placed among the Top 5 in India

SKILLS

Languages: C/C++, Python, Bash, MATLAB
Toolkits: KALDI, HTK, CNTK

REFERENCES

Will be provided on request.