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Research Interests: Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Domain Adaptation.

Education

2015–Present   **Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering**, *Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur*, India, Specialized in Signal processing, Communications & Networks .

2012–2014   **Masters of Technology in Electrical Engineering**, *Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur*, India, Specialized in Signal processing, Communications & Networks.

2008–2012   **Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics & Telecommunication**, *SGSITS Indore*, India.

Patents

2015   **Vinod K Kurmi**, Garima Jain, KS Venkatesh, "A Human-Hand Detection System, Apparatus and a Method Thereof" India PO No.1678/DEL/2015.

Conference Publications

CVPR-19   **Vinod K. Kurmi***, Shanu Kumar*, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Attending to Discriminative Certainty for Domain Adaptation", *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), Long Beach, California, USA, 2019*

BMVC-19   **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vipul Bajaj, Venkatesh K Subramanian, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Curriculum based Dropout Discriminator for Domain Adaptation", *British Machine Vision Conference (**BMVC**) , Cardiff, UK, 2019*

IJCNN-19   **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Informative Discriminator for Domain Adaptation", *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (**IJCNN**), Budapest, Hungary, 2019.* (**Oral Presentation**)

EMNLP-18   Badri N. Patro, Sandeep K., **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation", *Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), Brussels, Belgium, 2018.*

COLING-18   Badri N. Patro*, **Vinod K. Kurmi***, Sandeep Kumar*, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator", *Proceedings of 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (**COLING**), Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA, 2018.*

* equal contributions

WSCG-15 **Vinod K Kurmi**, G. Jain, KS Venkatesh,"Robust Human Gesture Recognition form 3D Data" *WSCG 2015, 23rd International Conference in Central Europe on Computer Graphics, Visualization and Computer Vision(**WSCG**), Czech Republic,2015.*

Workshop Publications

ICCVW-19 Badri N. Patro, Sandeep Kumar, **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation", **ICCV Workshop** (CLVL), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (4 page paper) (**Spotlight**)

ICCVW-19 Badri N. Patro*, **Vinod K. Kurmi***, Sandeep Kumar*, Vinay P. Namboodiri,"Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator", **ICCV Workshop**(CLVL), Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (4 page paper)(**Spotlight**)

Under Submission Works

2019 **Domain Adaptation**- Submitted in CVPR 2020

2019 **Incremental Learning**- Submitted in CVPR 2020

2019 **Mutli-Modal Learning**- Submitted in ICASSP 2020

2019 **Question Generation**- Submitted in WACV 2020

PhD Research Work

Title **Domain Adaptation through Adversarial and Probabilistic Techniques**.

Supervisors Prof. Vinay P. Namboodiri(CSE) and Prof. K S Venkatesh(EE).

Descriptions.
○ Analyzed and tackled the different problems of faced in domain adaptation.
○ We proposed variety of techniques such as improved discriminator and considering distribution based adaptation.
○ By obtaining uncertainty and through these obtaining localized adaptation, we are also addressing multiple modalities in adaptation.
○ Through various methods proposed we are able to considerably improve the state of the art in domain adaptation in various ways.

Masters Research Work

Title **Human Hand Gesture Recognition from 3D Data**.

Supervisors Prof. K S Venkatesh(EE).

Descriptions.
○ The objective was to develop efficient algorithms to detect hand gestures in varying light conditions, irrespective of background clutter.
○ The hardware used was Kinect sensor from Microsoft.
○ Human hand constellation identified from the 3D data to identify the hand.
○ The proposed algorithm and system works in varying light conditions, background clutter and any human pose.

Work Experiences

2014 **Computer Vision Lab IIT Kanpur**, *Senior Student Research Associate*, Kanpur, India.

Description   Developed a middleware for human hand detection from the Kinect Depth sensor data. It overcome the issues of Microsoft's SDK, which requires the full human pose to detect the hand position.

Fellowships and Awards

2019	Qualified in **Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship** 2019 Finalists.
2017	Achieved **Top 20 Rank** and awarded by cash prize at Summer school of Machine Learning at Centre for Visual Information Technology (CVIT) Hyderabad
2017	Achieved **Top 20 Rank** and awarded by cash prize at Summer school of Computer Vision at Centre for Visual Information Technology (CVIT) Hyderabad
2016	**TCS Research Fellowship** Award for 4 years(2015-2019)
2014-2015	Recipient of **MHRD** PhD Fellowship
2014	Qualified for **Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)** of CSIR -NET
2012-2014	Recipient of **MHRD** Post-Graduate Fellowship

Travel Grants

2019	Awarded **Microsoft** Travel Grant for IJCNN 2019.
2019	Awarded **Google** Travel Grant for CVPR 2019.
2019	Awarded **Microsoft** Travel Grant for CVPR 2019.
2019	Awarded **EE, IIT Kanpur** Travel Grant for IJCNN 2019.

Teaching Experiences

2019	**Tutor**, *Introduction to Electronics*, ESC201, Autumn, IIT Kanpur.
2017	**Teaching Assistant**, *Signal, Systems and Networks*, EE200, Winter, IIT Kanpur .
2016	**Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Electronics*, ESC201, Autumn, IIT Kanpur.
2016	**Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Electronics*, ESC201, Winter, IIT Kanpur.
2015	**Teaching Assistant**, *Computer Vision Lab*, Autumn,IIT Kanpur.
2015	**Teaching Assistant**, *Department Post-Graduation Committee*, Winter, IIT Kanpur.
2014	**Teaching Assistant**, *Department Post-Graduation Committee*, Winter, IIT Kanpur.
2013	**Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Electronics*, ESC201, Autumn, IIT Kanpur.
2012-13	**Teaching Assistant**, *Department Post-Graduation Committee*, IIT Kanpur.

Technical Skills

Deep learning	Torch, Pytorch, Caffe,OpenCV
Language :	Lua, Python, C, C++, MATLAB
Tools :	Source Insight, LaTeX, Rhapsody, Perforce.
IDE :	Code Composer Studio, Keil, Sublime.

Industrial Collaboration Projects

2014	Gesture Recognition System of Smart TV (Samsung-IITK collaboration Project)

Industrial Workshops

2019   Participated in **Amazon Research Day** 2019 at Bangalore sponsored by Amazon

2018   Participated in **Amazon Research Day** 2018 at Bangalore sponsored by Amazon

2017   Attended summer school on **Advance Computer Vision using Deep learning** at IIIT Hyderabad

2017   Attended summer School on Machine Learning using Deep Learning at IIIT Hyderabad

2016   Attended Mysore Park Workshop on **Vision, Language and AI** at VLAI 2016, Mysore

2016   Attended summer School on Deep Learning at IIIT Hyderabad

Talks/Seminars

2019   Delivered oral presentation on 'Looking back at Labels: A Class based Domain Adaptation Technique' at **IJCNN** at Budapest(Hungary)

2019   Presented poster on 'Attending to Discriminative Certainty for Domain Adaptation' at **CVPR** at Long Beach, CA(USA)

2019   Delivered talks on '**Basics of Python and PyTorch**' at "ITEC course on AI" at IIT Kanpur(India)

2018   Presented poster on 'Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator' at **Amazon Research Day** at Bangalore(India)

2018   Delivered talks on 'Computer Vision and Image Processing' at "TEQIP training session" at IIT Kanpur(India)

2017   Delivered talks on '2D and 3D Vision for Robotics' at "TEQIP short term course on Introduction to Robotics" at IIT Kanpur(India)

2017   Presented poster on 'Domain Adaptation on Computer Vision' at Electrical Engineering **IIT Kanpur Research Day**

2016   Delivered State-of-the-Art seminar on 'Domain Adaptation and Modality Hallucination' at Electrical Engineering **IIT Kanpur**

Technical Course Projects

2015   Gaussian Process based Hallucination of features for object classification (Machine Learning in Computer Vision)

2015   Study of Clustering and Classification Technique for Analytical Data Sets (Convex Optimization)

2015   Indoor Positioning Using UWB-IR Signals in the Presence of Dense Multipath with Path Overlapping (Statistical Signal Processing)

2013   Cooperative MIMO Multicell Networks (Wireless Communications)

2012   GPS based Vehicle Tracking System (B.E Project)

Professional Services

2019	Served as a reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems(**TNNS**)
2018-19	Served as a reviewer in conference **ECML-PKDD, WACV, ICVGIP, NCVPRIG** and Workshop on ML4H at **NeurIPS**

Github Codes

2018	**Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator**, ∴ . ○ https://github.com/vinodkkurmi/Visual_Question_Generation.
2018	**Multimodal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation**, ∴. ○ https://github.com/vinodkkurmi/Visual_Question_Generation.
2019	**Looking back at Labels: A Class based Domain Adaptation Technique**, ∴. ○ https://github.com/vinodkkurmi/DiscriminatorDomainAdaptation.
2019	**Curriculum based Dropout Discriminator for Domain Adaptation**, ∴. ○ https://github.com/vinodkkurmi/CD3A.
2019	**Attending to Discriminative Certainty for Domain Adaptation**, ∴. ○ https://github.com/vinodkkurmi/cada.