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Experience in Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Domain Adaptation, Multimodal Learning, NLP. Currently working on multimodal learning projects.

Education

- 2014 -2020 **Ph.D., EE, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India.**
Thesis title: *Understanding Transfer Learning between Domains and Tasks*,
under the supervision of Prof. Vinay P. Namboodiri and Prof. K S Venkatesh.
- 2012 – 2014 **M.Tech, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India.**
Thesis title: *Human Hand Gesture Recognition from 3D Data*,
under the supervision of Prof. K S Venkatesh.
- 2008 – 2012 **B.E., Electronics & Telecommunication, SGSITS Indore, India.**

Employment History

- Aug 2020 – present **Post-Doc**, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad, India
- July 2019-Nov 2019 **Tutor**, Introduction to Electronics (Lab), IIT Kanpur
- July 2018-Nov 2018 **Tutor**, Introduction to Electronics (Lab), IIT Kanpur
- May 2014- June 2014 **Senior Student Research Associate**, Computer Vision Lab IIT Kanpur

Publications

Patents

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

Journals

- Neurocomp- 2020 **Badri N. Patro**, Dev Chauhan, **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Revisiting Paraphrase Question Generator using Pairwise Discriminator", *Neurocomputing*, 2020. [PDF] [Code].




Conferences

- WACV-2021 **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Venkatesh K Subramanian, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Domain Impression: A Source Data Free Domain Adaptation Method", *IEEE Winter Conference of Applications on Computer Vision (WACV), Virtual, 2021*.
[PDF] [Code].
- WACV- 2021 **Vinod K. Kurmi**, adri N. Patro, Venkatesh K Subramanian, Vinay P. Namboodiri, "Do not Forget to Attend to Uncertainty while Mitigating Catastrophic Forgetting", *IEEE Winter Conference of Applications on Computer Vision (WACV), Virtual, 2021*.
[PDF] [Code].




Publications (continued)

- WACV-2020  Badri N. Patro, **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Sandeep K., Vinay P. Namboodiri, “Deep Bayesian Network for Visual Question Generation”, *IEEE Winter Conference of Applications on Computer Vision (WACV)*, Snowmass Village, USA, 2020. [PDF] [Code].
- BMVC-2019  **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. [PDF] [Code].
- CVPR-2019  **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 (* Equal contributions). [PDF] [Code].
- IJCNN-2019  **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, “Looking back at Labels: A Class based Domain Adaptation Technique”, *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, Budapest, Hungary, 2019 (**Oral Presentation**). [PDF] [Code].
- EMNLP-2018  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. [PDF] [Code].
- COLING-2018  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). [PDF] [Code].
- WSCG-2015  **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. [PDF].







Workshops

- WACV-XAI-2021  Indu Joshi, Riya Kothari, Ayush Utkarsh, **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Antitza Dantcheva, Sumantra Dutta Roy, Prem Kalra, “Explainable Fingerprint ROI Segmentation Using Monte Carlo Dropout”, *Workshop on Explainable and Interpretable Artificial Intelligence for Biometrics at WACV 2021*.
- ICCV-CLVL-2019  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**) (* Equal contributions).
- ICCV- CLVL-2019  Badri N. Patro, Sandeep Kumar, **Vinod K. Kurmi**, Vinay P. Namboodiri, “Multi-modal Differential Network for Visual Question Generation”, **ICCV Workshop (CLVL)**, Seoul, South Korea, 2019. (4 page paper) (**Spotlight**).



Awards and Achievements

- 2020  **DAAD AI Post-Doc Net Fellow** for year 2020-21
 NeurIPS 2020 Financial Assistance Award
- 2019  **Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship** 2019 Finalists


Awards and Achievements (continued)

- 2017  **Among top performers**, and awarded by cash prize at “Summer school of Machine Learning” at Centre for Visual Information Technology (CVIT) Hyderabad.
-  **Among top performers**, and awarded by cash prize at “Summer school of Deep Learning” at Centre for Visual Information Technology (CVIT) Hyderabad.
- 2015  **TCS Research Fellowship** Award for 4 years (2015-2019).
- 2014  Recipient of **MHRD** PhD Fellowship.
-  Qualified for **Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)** of CSIR -NET.
- 2012  Recipient of **MHRD** Post-Graduate Fellowship.


Skills

- Programming Languages  Python, Matlab, Lua, C++, C and \LaTeX
- Deep Learning Frameworks  PyTorch, OpenCV, Torch, Theano, Keras, TensorFlow

PhD Research Work


- Jan 2014-June-2020  **Understanding Transfer Learning between Domains and Tasks**,
Prof. K S Venkatesh and Prof. Vinay P. Namboodiri
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 localized adaptation has been proposed. In next work, we proposed a attention and uncertainty based models for task incremental learning. We tackled the domain adaptation problems without avail the source data.

Masters Research Work



- July 2013-June-2014  **Human Hand Gesture Recognition from 3D Data**,
Prof. K S Venkatesh
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.

Research Projects




Industrial Projects

- July 2013-June 2014  Gesture Recognition System of Smart TV (**Samsung-IITK collaboration Project**)








Academic Projects

- 2015  Gaussian Process based Hallucination of Features for Object Classification (Machine Learning in Computer Vision)
-  Study of Clustering and Classification Technique for Analytical Datasets (Convex Optimization)






Research Projects (continued)

- 2014  Indoor Positioning Using UWB-IR Signals in the Presence of Dense Multipath with Path Overlapping (Statistical Signal Processing)
- 2014  Cooperative MIMO Multicell Networks (Wireless Communications)
- 2012  GPS based Vehicle Tracking System (B.E. Project)

Teaching Assistantship





- July 2017-Nov 2017  **Teaching Assistant**, Signal, Systems and Networks
- Jan 2017- May 2017  **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Electronics
- July 2016- Nov 2016  **Teaching Assistant**, Introduction to Electronics
- Jan 2016- May 2016  **Teaching Assistant**, Department Post-Graduation Committee
- July 2015- Nov 2016  **Teaching Assistant**, Computer Vision Lab
- Jan 2015- May 2015  **Teaching Assistant**, Department Post-Graduation Committee
- July 2012- May 2014  **Teaching Assistant**, Department Post-Graduation Committee

Travel Grants






- Dec 2019  Awarded **TCS** Travel Grant for NCVPRIPG 2019.
- July 2019  Awarded **Microsoft** Travel Grant for IJCNN 2019.
-  Awarded **EE, IIT Kanpur** Travel Grant for IJCNN 2019.
- June 2019  Awarded **Google** Travel Grant for CVPR 2019.
-  Awarded **Microsoft** Travel Grant for CVPR 2019.

Miscellaneous Experience






Professional Services

- 2019-2020  Served as a reviewer in IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNs).
- 2018-2020  Served as a reviewer in conferences **BMVC**, **ECML-PKDD**, **WACV**, **ICVGIP**, **NCVPRIPG**, **ICME** and Workshop on ML4H at **NeurIPS**.
- 2019  Member of International Neural Network Society (**INNS**)
- 2019-2020  Member of Computer Vision Foundation (**CVF**)












Talks/Seminars

- 2019  Delivered oral presentation on 'Attending to Discriminative Certainty for Domain Adaptation' in **NCVPRIPG** at Hubli (India).
-  Delivered oral presentation on 'Looking back at Labels: A Class based Domain Adaptation Technique' in **IJCNN** at Budapest (Hungary).
-  Presented poster on 'Attending to Discriminative Certainty for Domain Adaptation' in **CVPR** at Long Beach, CA (USA).
-  Delivered talks on '**Bayesian Models for Domain Adaptation**' in 'QINF' at Qualcomm, Bangalore (India).
-  Delivered talks on '**Basics of Python and PyTorch**' in "ITEC course on AI" at IIT Kanpur (India).

Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

- 2018  Presented poster on 'Learning Semantic Sentence Embeddings using Pair-wise Discriminator' in **Amazon Research Day** at Bangalore (India).
-  Delivered talks on 'Computer Vision and Image Processing' in "TEQIP training session" at IIT Kanpur (India).
-  Delivered talks on '2D and 3D Vision for Robotics' in "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**.
-  Delivered State-of-the-Art seminar on 'Domain Adaptation and Modality Hallucination' at Electrical Engineering **IIT Kanpur**.

Workshops and Conferences Attended

- 2020  Participated in **DAAD AI Post-Doc Net Tour**, Virtual.
-  Attended **NeurIPS 2020**, Virtual.
- 2019  Participated in **NCVPRIPG 2019** at Hubli, India.
-  Participated in **IJCNN 2019** at Budapest, Hungary.
-  Participated in **CVPR 2019** at Long Beach, USA.
-  Participated in **Amazon Research Day 2019** at Bangalore sponsored by Amazon, India.
- 2018  Participated in **Amazon Research Day 2018** at Bangalore sponsored by Amazon, India.
- 2017  Attended Summer School on **Advance Computer Vision using Deep learning** at IIIT Hyderabad, India.
-  Attended summer School on Machine Learning at IIIT Hyderabad
- 2016  Attended Mysore Park Workshop on **Vision, Language and AI** at VLAI 2016, Mysore, India.
-  Attended Summer School on Deep Learning at IIIT Hyderabad, India.

References

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