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Education

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai, India

B.Tech., Electrical Engineering (2016)
Minor: Operations Research
CGPA: 9.53/10

Dayanand Anglo-Vedic Senior Secondary School, Chennai, India

Class XII (All India Senior School Certificate Examination, 2012)
Aggregate: 95.8 %

Smt. Durgadevi Choudhary Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Chennai, India

Class X (All India Secondary School Examination)
CGPA: 10/10

Scholastic
Achievements

- Branch Rank 4 in a class of 130 students
- All India Rank - 1600 (99.7 %ile) in IIT-Joint Entrance Examination, 2012
- Nominated to receive INSPIRE scholarship for top 0.1 percentile in AISSCE[1]

Relevant
Course Work

Key Courses
- Computer Vision
- Introduction to Machine Learning
- Artificial Neural Networks
- Computational Photography
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Natural Language Processing
- Statistical Estimation Theory
- Analog and Digital Signal Processing

Mathematics Courses
- Calculus I - Functions of One Variables
- Calculus II - Functions of Several Variables
- Probability, Statistics and Stochastic Processes
- Linear Algebra
- Mathematical Logic

Research
Projects

Human Pose Estimation using Deep Neural Networks
IIT Madras | Guide - Prof. Anurag Mittal   **December 2014 - Present**
- Implemented a joint part detector and a MRF-based spatial model using Convolution Neural Network
- Working on extending the network to a Deep Mixture of Parts model to handle complex poses

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[1]AISSCE - All India Senior School Certificate Examination

Motion segmentation and Depth Map recovery from a single image using blur as a cue

Undergraduate Thesis | Guide - Prof. A.N.Rajagopalan **August 2015 - Present**

- Classified the blur kernel type at each pixel using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks and decoupled the motion and defocus blur
- Performed segmentation on motion kernels after accounting for the camera motion
- Recovered the relative depth map using defocus blur information

Qualcomm Research, San Diego, U.S.A

Intern, WiFi System Team, R&D **May 2015 - July 2015**

Guide - Dr. Aleksandar Damnjanovic

- Only intern selected from India based on strong technical skills
- Worked on developing MAC layer algorithms for fair coexistence of WiFi and LTE-U in unlicensed spectrum
- Carried out intense system simulations and theoretical study to quantify the performance of developed algorithms

PROJECTS AND INTERNSHIPS

Air Hockey Playing Robot

Team of 3 **May 2013 - July 2013**

- Developed a robotic arm that plays air hockey using the feedback received from an overhead camera
- Built the entire system - both hardware and software at a cost less than $ 100 dollars
- Implemented algorithms for stable and efficient tracking of the puck in real time.

Federation of International RoboSoccer Association (FIRA)

Team of 11 | Computer Vision Module **May 2013 - July 2013**

- Built a module for automatic dynamic colour calibration in the presence of variations in lighting conditions
- Designed path planning straties for different agents in the game

Augmented Reality

Team of 3 **January 2013 - April 2013**

- Developed an application that detects a known patten in a video feed and superimposes another video on the detected patten
- Improved the stability of the patten detection using various heuristics

Dhavani Research

Intern | Guide - Mrs. Padma Purushotaman **December 2013 - January 2014**

- Estimated the dimensions of cracks in solid objects using fluorescent images
- Mapped the crack onto 3D CAD model using ray tracing and projected the crack dimensions in real world coordinates

Center of Excellence in Wireless Technology

Intern | Guide - Mr. Sendil **May 2014 - July 2014**

- Implemented 3GPP SCM 3D channel modelling of Wireless channel and estimated the large scale and small scale parameters between each base station-user link.
- Studied the potential gains in the 3D model in comparison with the 2D model that was in use

Virtual Lab

EEA hackathon | Guide - Prof. Nitin Chandrachoodan **February 2014 - April 2014**

- Built a Graphical User Interface for building circuits virtually on a breadboard online, solving and analyzing them

- Circuits with linear analog components and simple Integrated Circuits were implemented and tested

COURSE PROJECTS **Salient Object Detection**
Course: Computer Vision|Guide - Prof. Sukendhu Das   **February 2015 - May 2015**
- Implemented saliency map prediction using supervised discriminative bottom-up feature integration approach
- Extracted foreground segments by feeding the predicted saliency map as input to the Grab cut algorithm

Spell Check System
Course: Natural Language processing|Guide - Prof. Sutanu Chakraborti **August 2015 - October 2015**
- Developed an application that detects and corrects mistakes in a given piece of text
- Incorporated context sensitive and context free error detection and appropriate suggestions were made

PUBLICATIONS Abhijith Punnappurath, Yogesh Balaji, Mahesh Mohan M R and A.N.Rajagopalan, *Deep Decoupling of Defocus and Motion Blur for Dynamic Segmentation,* submitted to CVPR 2016 (under review)

COMPUTER SKILLS **Operating Syatems:** Linux (Ubuntu), Windows
Languages: C/C++, Java, Python, Lua
Software: MATLAB, OpenCV, TORCH, CAFFE

POSITIONS OF **Head of Electrical Engineering Assosiation(EEA)**   **August 2014 - August 2015**
RESPONSIBILITY
- Led a team of 10 students to conduct various department activities with faculty support
- Responsible for conducting EEA annual Hackathon, lecture series, Electrical Engineering Department night and various other activities

Coordinator of Puzzle Champ, Shaastra[2] 2014   **September 2013 - January 2014**
- Part of a team of 4 responsible for organizing Online and Offline Puzzle Champ, one of the largest events in Shaastra
- Event spanned over 3 days with over 500 participants each day

Volunteer of National Service Scheme, IIT Madras   **August 2012 - March 2013**
- Worked on a 6 month NSS project on Video Content generation for government schools that lack facilities
- Recorded simple science experiments for high school students, providing explanations in regional languages

OTHER
ACHIEVEMENTS
- Placed 1st in Online Math Modelling, Shaastra[2] 2014
- Winner of Mimamsa [3] 2014, Chennai region
- Winner of Annual EEA hackathon, 2014

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[2]Shaastra - IIT Madras Technical fest
[3]Mimamsa - National level inter-college Science Quiz conducted by IISER, Pune