Mitali Meratwal

Curriculum Vitae



EDUCATION ____

• Georgia Institute of Technology

Master of Science in Computer Science (Computing Systems Specialization)

(2023-(expected) 2025)

• Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

(2019-2023)

B. Tech. (with Honours) in Electrical Engineering with Minors in Computer Science (Grade: 9.54/10)

Publications _____

• Multi-camera and multi-person indoor activity recognition for continuous health monitoring using long short term memory [Paper]

Mitali Meratwal, Nicolai Spicher, Thomas Deserno

(Published in SPIE Medical Imaging 2022)

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Secured All India Rank 116 in JEE Mains emerging as City Topper and State Girls' Topper (2019)
- Secured All India Rank 789 in JEE Advanced competing against 225 thousand candidates (2019)
- Recipient of **KVPY** fellowship awarded to top 1% by IISc and Government of India (2019)

INTERNSHIPS

Intelligent Attribution

(May'22 - June'22)

Company: Microsoft India | Software Engineering Intern

Hyderabad, India

- Worked with the Digital Security and Resilience team on intelligent insights from millions of data records
- Designed and implemented a scoring heuristic to identify the best resource owner based on dynamic features
- Improved attribution significantly, enforcing effective remediation and judicious distribution among owners
- Deployed on Azure Functions and created a PowerBI dashboard for graphical analysis and comparison
- Received an offer to join full-time after graduation from the company for performance during internship

Special Discounts (Dec'21)

Company: Fraazo | Tech Intern

A D2C delivery startup for fresh farm produce serving 200k households daily

Mumbai, India

- Worked as backend engineer to develop internal APIs using Ruby on Rails and Active Record Query Interface
- Redesigned APIs for management of special discounts by admin users and reduced query time by tenfold
- Improved efficiency and reduced data leakage in payload of many APIs

Action Recognition in Smart Homes

(May'21 - Aug'21)

Prof. Thomas M. Deserno | Research Internship

TU Braunschweig, Germany

- Developed video analysis framework for multi-camera, multi-person activity recognition in smart homes
- Tested performance of existing work on enhanced pose estimators like OpenPose, AlphaPose, LightTrack
- Designed multi-layer LSTMs with attention block for temporal modelling and CNN for spatial dynamics
- $\bullet \ \ \text{Upgraded person tracking with } \textbf{YOLOv4} + \textbf{Deepsort} \ \ \text{to support re-identification and handle occlusions}$
- Expanded dataset to 300GB and improved recall on realistic and simulated fall datasets from 79% to 99%

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Multi-Process Service and FaaS GPU

(Aug'22-Present)

Prof. Purushottam Kulkarni | R&D Project and Bachelor Thesis Project II

CS Dept., IIT Bombay

- Empirically characterised GPU performance with different platform and multiplexing configurations
- Provided insights into co-location effects and performance trade-offs with NVIDIA's MPS on modern GPUs
- Autogenerated function variants across multiple axes and built use case for schedulers in FaaS platforms

Speech-text alignment

(Aug'22-Present)

Prof. Preeti Rao | Bachelor Thesis Project

EE Dept., IIT Bombay

- Critically evaluated performance of different stages of Vakyansh audio processing toolkit for news broadcasts
- Identified systematic errors and tested on improved voice activity detection in presence of background music
- Implemented speech segment to text alignment using string similarity score in moving ngram windows

Automatic Speech Recognition

(Jan'22 - April'22)

Prof. Preethi Jyothi | Course Project

CS Dept., IIT Bombay

- $\bullet \ \ \text{Implemented } \mathbf{main} \ \mathbf{speaker} \ \mathbf{identification} \ \ \mathbf{and} \ \mathbf{localization} \ \mathbf{using} \ \mathbf{an} \ \mathbf{audio-visual} \ \mathbf{transformer} \ \mathbf{approach}$
- Performed missing word prediction and sentence creation using tri-gram language model and FSTs

Low-Light Image Enhancement

(Aug'21 - Nov'21)

Prof. Amit Sethi | Course Project

EE Dept., IIT Bombay

- Implemented different methods based on retinex theory and dual-tree complex wavelet transform, and illumination map estimation to enhance visibility of images captured under low light conditions
- Compared the performance against patch-wise, central pixel value predicting CNN model

Self Driving Car (Sept'20 - July'21)

Autonomous Vehicles, Computer Vision Subsystem | Team SeDriCa, UMIC

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SeDriCa is a 22 membered student team working to build India's first self-driving car with level 5 autonomy

 $IIT\ Bombay$

• Developed a Multi-Task Learning model using uncertainty to weigh losses for object detection and road

- segmentation by using a fused single-backbone multi-head model and reduced computation cost by 33%
 Designed and tested cross connected network from Faster R-CNN and PSPNet with ResNet50 backbone
- Scrutinized Hierarchical Multi-scale attention, EfficientDet, D-LinkNet to replace existing models

Multi-Modal Image Registration using Unsupervised Deep Learning (Jan'21 - April'21) Prof. Suyash Awate | CS736 Course Project CS Dept., IIT Bombay

- Customised Voxelmorph to register cross subject brain scans of different modalities (MRI and CT)
- Trained CycleGAN network to register CT scan images with their MRI counterparts on the same dataset

Bosch's Traffic Sign Recognition Challenge

(March'21)

Inter IIT Tech Meet

IIT Guwahati

Part of 10-member team that won Bronze out of 23 teams which participated

- Generated layer wise visualisations of the model trained by user and embeddings of dataset using t-SNE
- Implemented **GradCAM**++ and **Lime** to enable the user to investigate incorrect predictions and devised automated scripts for explaining **failures of system** based on confusion matrix, loss and accuracy plots

Image Super Resolution

(Dec'20)

Prof. Amit Sethi | Course Project

CMInDs Dept., IIT Bombay

- Implemented SRGAN to estimate high resolution images from low resolution with an aim to recover content
- Formulated a VGG based content loss using output features of VGG19 model pretrained on ImageNet

The Tracking and Navigation Challenge

(Aug'20)

Autumn of Automation | UMIC

IIT Bombay

- Programmed a bot with ROS to solve perfect maze while avoiding obstacles using wall follower algorithm
- Exploited OpenCV and Canny edge detection for procuring letters present on the walls of the room
- Performed letter recognition utilizing transfer learning and fine tuning achieving best accuracy of 93%

Fruit Quality Predictor

(May'20-Jul'20)

Institute Technical Summer Project

IIT Bombay

- Built a real time application for non-invasive quality assessment of fruits by leveraging smartphone cameras
- Constructed a custom dataset and employed various data augmentation techniques to make the model robust
- Trained custom and SOTA models achieving best accuracy of 99%, 95% and 90% for banana, mango and pear

OTHER PROJECTS

Low Cost POF Link Communication | Electronic Design Lab

(April'22)

• Built and tested **Polymer Optical Fibre** communication link for digital transmission up to 10 MHz by designing a **PRBS transmitter** with P-I-N photodiode and **trans-impedance amplifier** based receiver

IITB-RISC | Course Project

(April'22)

- Designed and coded a 16-bit, 8-register, 6 stage pipelined processor computer system, IITB-RISC, using VHDL
- Optimized for performance and maximized CPI by including hazard mitigation and branch prediction techniques
- Proposed a design for a 2-way fetch superscalar processor with mitigation and branch prediction techniques

Temperature Monitor | Microprocessors Lab

(March'21

- Interfaced LM35 temperature sensor using ADC MCP3008 and displayed it on LCD using embedded C
- Played alarm while blinking LEDs at certain frequency if the average temperature falls or rises outside the range

Front-End Web Development | Learner's Space IIT Bombay

(July'20)

• Designed and built a responsive personal homepage using HTML5, CSS and JavaScript in the boot camp

Positions of Responsibility _

Department Academic Mentor

(July'21 - Present)

Department Academic Mentorship Program | Dept. of Electrical Engineering

IIT Bombay

- Heading the web subgroup of EE-DAMP, in charge of migrating the WordPress website to GitHub pages
- Mentoring Academic Rehabilitation Program student, assisting in planning out exit degree options and completion of the course credits while matching their pace of study
- Guided 4 sophomores in their academic and co-curricular pursuits by leveraging the resources of the institute

TECHNICAL SKILLS _

Languages Python, C/C++, Bash, KQL, MATLAB, Julia

Libraries PyTorch, Keras, Tensorflow, OpenCV, Numpy/SciPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Pandas

Softwares Git, Audacity

Development HTML, CSS, JavaScript

KEY COURSES _

Computer Science Systems for ML*, Database System Implementation*, Data Structures And Al-

gorithms, Computer Networks, Operating Systems, Medical Image Computing, Reinforcement Learning, Automatic Speech Recognition, Computer Graphics,

Network Security and Cryptography

Electrical Engineering Signal Processing, Digital Systems, Microprocessors, Control Systems, Probability

and Random Processes, Speech Processing

Mathematics Calculus, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Complex Analysis

* courses will be completed by Dec'23

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- $\bullet \ \ Volunteered \ for \ community \ service \ under \ National \ Service \ Scheme \ by \ recording \ audio \ books \ for \ visually \ impaired$
- Coordinated the execution of **FInCoF** Freelancers, Interns and Co-founders Platform getting 120+ startups on board and assisted in securing 90+ internships for the students during Covid-19 (June'20)
- One among ten students selected for **Science Film Making Workshop** organised by the Vigyan Prasar Department of Science of Technology, Govt. of India and Film society of Surat, Gujarat (Oct'2016)
- Completed a DSLR workshop and served as a member of Delhi Public School Surat Photography Club (2016)
- Successfully completed 8 Level Graduate Course of IMA (Intelligent Mental-Arithmetic ABACUS) (2010)