Advait Rane

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EDUCATION

USC Viterbi School of Engineering

Masters in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0

- Relevant Courses - Multimodal Learning for Human Communication, Deep Learning

BITS Pilani-K. K. Birla Goa Campus

B.E. in Computer Science, GPA: 9.75/10

- Relevant Courses - AI, ML, Data Mining

Experience

Dragonfruit AI, Inc

Machine Learning/Software Internship

 Added monitoring capabilities to the Video Upload and Detection pipeline using Prometheus metrics in Python and Golang.

MIT Media Lab

Undergraduate Thesis at Fluid Interfaces group

- Human-in-the-Loop ML for behaviour change interventions, using sequence modelling and Reinforcement Learning (RL).
- Personalizing pretrained Deep Learning image encoders with **weight imprinting**, **spatio-temporal attention**, and **self-supervised** techniques

Biologically Inspired Neural Network (BINN) Labs, BITS Pilani - Goa

Undergraduate Research Project

- Implemented a **neural mass model** to simulate the behaviour observed by the Thalamocortical Visual Pathway in the brain using Python and MATLAB

Happiest Minds Technologies

Machine Learning Internship

- Implemented and trained **image-to-image translation GANs**, as well as **object detection** models to automatically place a product in a video.

Projects

Prototype Bottleneck Model Developed a data-efficient inherently interpretable deep learning model by combining bottleneck models with small auxiliary concept datasets to learn concept prototypes and make final predictions through a bottleneck.
 Biases and Unfairness in Emotion Recognition Models Evaluate biases and unfairness in Multimodal Emotion Recognition models across subjects of two nationalities in the SEWA database using fairness metrics and evaluate debiasing by dropping modalities in late fusion.

Los Angeles, CA 2021–2023(expected)

> Goa, India 2017–2021

Massachusetts, USA (Remote) June 2020-June 2021

Menlo Park, CA (Remote)

May 2022-Aug 2022

Bengaluru, India

Aug 2019-May 2020

Goa, India

May 2019-July 2019

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 Safe Meta Reinforcement Learning Identifying unsafe conditions arising due to causal variations in train and test tasks using information theoretic measures in gradient updates.
 Safe Navigational Assistance for Visually Impaired Persons Simulated a wearable device that detects obstacles and directs the user to avoid collisions using Unity and Computer Vision techniques. Evaluated the wearable device against Signal Temporal Logic safety requirements.
 Visual Perception of the Colour Spectrum Leveraged neural networks and gradient-boosted decision trees to classify EEG data from subjects viewing colours through a VR headset

PUBLICATIONS

- Mina Khan, P Srivatsa, Advait Rane, Shriram Chenniappa, Rishabh Anand, Sherjil Ozair, Pattie Maes (2021) Pretrained Encoders are All You Need. arXiv:2106.05139.
- Mina Khan, P Srivatsa, **Advait Rane**, Shriram Chenniappa, Asadali Hazariwala, Pattie Maes (2021) Personalizing Pre-trained Models. arXiv:2106.01499.
- P. Mahajan, A. Rane, S. Sasi and B. S. Bhattacharya, "Quantifying Synchronization in a Biologically Inspired Neural Network," 2021 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), 2021, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/IJCNN52387.2021.9533414.

Skills

• Software: **Python**, **TensorFlow/Keras**, **PyTorch**, pandas, sk-learn, C/C++, Java, Javascript, Golang, Git, Kubernetes, Prometheus, Linux shell, MATLAB, ModelSim Xilinx, & EX, Unity

Teaching

 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at BITS Goa, CSIS Department Discrete Structures for CS (CS F222) 	Aug 2019-Dec 2019
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at BITS Goa, CSIS Department Computer Programming (CS F111)	Jan 2020-May 2020
Grader at USC Viterbi, CS Department Analysis of Algorithms (CSCI 570)	Jan 2022-May 2022
Course Producer at USC Viterbi, CS Department Analysis of Algorithms (CSCI 570)	June 2022-Aug 2022
• Teaching Assistant at USC Viterbi, CS Department Fundamentals of Computation (CSCI 102)	Aug 2022-Dec 2022

Scholarships and Awards

 Admitted to the MS CS Honors Program at USC Viterbi 	2022
 Ranked 2nd in batch, BITS Goa 2017-2021 	2021
• 4 consecutive BITS Goa Merit Scholarships, Semesters 2 to 5 – top 1 percent BITS Goa	2018–2020