Pratik Dubal

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Optimization.

EDUCATION

Columbia University in the City of New York

• Master of Science in Computer Science (January 2019 - Present)

K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, University of Mumbai

• Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology (July 2013 - May 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

- V. Kaushal, R. Iyer, **P. Dubal** et al. Demystifying Multi-Faceted Video Summarization: Tradeoff Between Diversity, Representation, Coverage and Importance. 2019 IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)
- R. Iyer, **P. Dubal**, K. Dargan et al., Vis-DSS: An Open-Source toolkit for Visual Data Selection and Summarization. arXiv preprint arXiv:1809.08846
- P. Dubal, R. Mahadev, S. Kothawade et al, Deployment of Customized Deep Learning based Video Analytics On Surveillance Cameras arXiv preprint arXiv:1805.10604
- P. Dubal, S. Bhatt, C. Joglekar and S. Patil, *Skin Cancer Detection and Classification*. 2017 6th IEEE International Conference on Electrical Engineering and Informatics (ICEEI), Langkawi, DOI:10.1109/ICEEI.2017.8312419
- P. Dubal, Rezence-Wireless Charging Standard based on Magnetic Resonance. International Journal of Advanced Research in Computer and Communication Engineering, 10.17148/IJARCCE.2015.41245, Vol. 4, Issue 12, December 2015.

Work Experience

Course Assistant, Columbia University (January 2019 - May 2019)

- Assistant to Prof. Joshua Gordon for the Applied Deep Learning course.
- Delivered a guest lecture on Overview of Object Detection.

Machine Learning Analytics Lead, AitoeLabs (June 2017 - December 2018)

- Led the transition of the analytics engine from traditional computer vision algorithms to Deep Neural Networks.
- Increased Face Detection accuracy by 34%, while decreasing inference time by 59%.
- Improved Submodular Optimization based Video Summarization, Multi-Object Tracking and Face Recognition algorithms.

Intern Analyst, Barclays Technology Centre India (June 2016 - July 2016)

- Worked on a project which aggregated the bank's legal handlings from various sources and mediums into a single unified application.
- Deployed SQL Server Integration Packages and generated Business Object reports.

Research Intern, K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering (Jan 2016 - April 2016)

• Part of a team which aimed to create an efficient distributed computing system by transforming parallel runtimes into Operating System kernels.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Best Student Award, 2017 from the Department of Information Technology, K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering.
- Secured the **Second Prize** at Prakalpa '17 State Level Conference and Working Model Exhibition for the project *Skin Cancer Detection and Classification*.
- Departmental Subject Topper in Automata Theory and Computer Networks, 2015
- Awarded Merit Certificates for being among the top 0.1% of candidates nationwide in Computer Science in AISSCE, 2013 and obtaining A1 grades in all subjects in AISSE, 2011.

PROJECTS AND OPEN-SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Visual Reasoning in Videos (June 2019 - Present)

- Working on identifying object level relationships in videos for action prediction and captioning tasks.
- Project advised by Bo Wu at DVMM lab in Columbia.

Speech-to-Speech Response Prediction (June 2019 - Present)

- Working on developing a direct speech based response prediction system which generates responses for input dialogue utterances.
- Project advised by Prof. Hod Lipson.

Assessing Speaker and Teaching Effectiveness (January 2019 - May 2019)

- Member of the High-Level Computer Vision Lab, advised by Prof. John R. Kender.
- Working on assessing teaching effectiveness of a speaker using speaker audio and audience eye fixations. Coupling deep audio embeddings with audience eye fixations to identify learning patterns in subjects.

Vis-DSS: Visual Data Selection and Summarization (Aug 2018 - Nov 2018)

• Released an open-source toolkit for Image and Video Summarization, Data Subset Selection and Diversified Active Learning using Submodular functions.

Jensen: Convex Optimization and ML toolkit (July 2018 - October 2018)

• Code optimization and organization. Incorporated advancements made in the Deep Analytics Toolkit at AitoeLabs.

Skin Cancer Detection and Classification (June 2016 - May 2017)

• Developed an application that detects and classifies skin lesions as malignant and benign, and further into three of their respective sub-categories, with the use of various image processing and machine learning techniques.

Alumnus Engagements

- Mentored a team of sophomores working on Deep Learning projects such as Anomaly Detection, Color Recognition and Custom Object Detection. (July 2018)
- Subject Board Committee Member for syllabus revision of the Bachelor of Technology program at K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering. (March 2018)
- Delivered a lecture to the sophomores at K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering on the practical applications of theoretical concepts taught in college. (Nov. 2017)
- Speaker at the 'Alumni Interaction Session' during the Freshman Orientation at K.
 J. Somaiya College of Engineering. (2017, 2018)

CERTIFICATIONS

- deeplearning.ai Specialisation Coursera. (November 2018)
- MITx: Intro to Computer Science and Programming using Python. (August 2015)
- Canon Intermediate Photography. (June 2014)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Computer Society of India, K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering Chapter

- Technical Head (2015-2016), Second Year Representative (2014-2015) and First Year Representative (2013-2014).
- Instructor of workshops held on Advanced Cryptography, Introduction to Cryptography, Introduction to Linux and Introduction to Adobe Photoshop.
- Organizing Committee member and Event Head of Abhiyantriki, the tech fest of the college.

Student Internship Coordinator (March 2016 - May 2017)

• Coordinated with the internship cell of the college to help students of the Department of Information Technology secure internships.

Volunteer at Teach for India (August 2016 - April 2017)

• Helped with the teaching and assessment of students of the third grade at Mumbai Public School, Sion Koliwada.

Campus Ambassador for HackerRank (September 2015 - May 2017)

• Organized and designed coding competitions on the HackerRank platform.