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Education

University of Colorado, Boulder

M.S. in Computer Science

• Relevant Coursework: Advanced Robotics, Machine Learning, Advanced Computer Vision

KIIT, India

B. Tech in Computer Science and Systems Engineering

• Relevant Coursework: Data Structures, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Networks, Compiler Design

Technical Skills

Programming: Python, C/C++, C, Java, Bash Frameworks & Platforms: TensorFlow, PyTorch, TensorFlow.js, LangChain, ChromaDB, Socket.io Libraries: NumPy, Pandas, Keras, Librosa, Kivy, OpenCV, Matplotlib

Tools & Technologies: ROS, AWS, GCP, Unity 3D, Git, Linux, Fusion 360, MATLAB Expertise: Deep Learning, Model Optimisation, Machine Learning, Real-Time Systems

Experience

Course Manager, CSCI 3302 - Intro to Robotics

Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

- Coordinated course logistics and student support for 120 undergrad and graduate students, managing assignments, Canvas content, technical troubleshooting, and office hours assistance.
- Oversaw grading and assessments ensuring timely feedback, utilizing MOSS for plagiarism checks, and upholding fairness in evaluations.

CAIRO HCI Lab, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

Researcher under Prof. Bradley Hayes

- Conducting research on enhancing human intent recognition using Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes (POMDP)-based algorithms.
- Integrating advanced vision-based learning techniques with the Sawyer Robotic Manipulator to improve human-robot interaction and decision-making efficiency.

I3D HCI Lab, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Machine Learning Intern, Research Assistant under Prof. Pradipta Biswas(Phd. Cambridge)

- Developed and validated a gaze estimation mapping module, achieving 95% mAP accuracy in predicting user intent in complex robotic pick-and-place task.
- Partnered with Collins Aerospace to develop a mixed reality-based assembly system using custom-trained object detection models with tailored eye gaze and hand tracking for efficient, real-time assembly guidance.
- Conducted a comprehensive study comparing GAN models for generating realistic synthetic datasets (Simulation-to- Real) achieving FID scores of 0.001, 50.574, and 63.000 across three datasets.
- Developed a robust motion tracking framework with a markerless ByteTrack model, achieving 97.8% mAP detection accuracy in dynamic environments, including moving camera setups such as headset-mounted systems.
- Optimized the I2D-Net Eye Gaze Estimation model, reducing parameters by 0.5x and 2x inference speed, enabling a relatively faster gaze tracking system for interactive automotive HUDs
- Collaborated with Faurecia to extend interactive automotive heads-up display features with a gaze-based vs gesture-based on-road distraction detection system.
- Published 5 research papers at prestigious top conferences like ICRA, IUI and Journals like JMUI.

Part-Time CS Teacher, Polytechnic College Suriname, Suriname, SA

Data Science Program

- Conducted classes, designed test & assignments, and evaluated 50 enrolled students for University-level Mathematics II and Statistics I Courses for the semester with 15 hours avg. per week.
- Undertook **50**+ **students** for guidance in Programming & Prototyping in a hackathon.

CGPA: 3.91/4.0

Jul 2019 - Jul 2023

CGPA: 3.88/4.0 (9.05/10)

Jan'25 – Present

April'22 - Aug'24

March'23 - Sept'24 Appointment Letter

Sept'24 – Present

Aug 2024 - Jul 2026

Projects

Ansh.AI: Conversational Diary Companion

 $HackCU11 \mid GitHub \mid Demo$

- Built an empathetic AI for self-reflection using LangChain and HeyGen for natural conversations.
- Enabled real-time memory with ChromaDB for personalized insights and pattern recognition.
- Developed with Python, Flask, React, and \mathbf{AMD} Minisforum AI 370 for $\mathbf{NPU} + \mathbf{GPU}$ compute.

Autonomous Driving Challenge with AWS DeepRacer

University of Colorado, Boulder | <u>GitHub</u>

- Built a 1/18-scale autonomous vehicle using **ROS 2 Humble** on Raspberry Pi 4, navigating via **RGB camera-based** blue line following and **LiDAR odometry**.
- Applied HSV thresholding and contour detection with OpenCV for traffic sign detection, achieving 80% stop sign accuracy, and implemented EKF SLAM for robust localization.
- Designed a modular ROS 2 system with nodes for camera processing, line detection, PID control, and **slam_toolbox** for real-time mapping and **Tkinter**-based telemetry visualisation.

Audio-Visual Correspondance Task using Few Shot Learning

Supervisor: Dr. Rajdeep Chatterjee

- Successfully reproduced the results from the <u>"Look Listen & Learn"</u> paper, implementing the L3Net model.
- Curated a specialized subset of **34 classes from the KINETIC600 dataset** to train a modified Zero-Shot Learning architecture with an RCNN backbone, incorporating dual subnetworks: **Audio Encoder** and **Vision Encoder**.
- Employed advanced feature extraction techniques such as *FFT* and *Mel-Filter Bank spectrum* for audio features, aligning them with corresponding image samples for improved model performance.
- Achieved **0.180** (Vision) and **0.245** (Audio) accuracy, demonstrating significant potential for further optimization and performance enhancement.

Other Projects

Lox: Interpreter for Python-like language | Compiler Design, OOPs | <u>Github</u>

- Built an **end-to-end interpreter** that takes Python-like syntax based on <u>Crafting Interpretors</u>.
- Implemented features such as *parsing*, *control flow*, *hashes*, *garbage collection*, *superclasses* etc.

V-BIKES: Deploying Enhanced Safety Measures in two-wheeler vehicles | <u>Award</u> Sept'17-Feb'18

- Based on the field of robotics, we developed an array of non-evasive sensors for collision detection in a helmet
- Built End-to-End support for Immediate Ambulance Alert & injury Profile using ESP32 Kit.
- Awarded as **best in Smart Mobility Project in Atal Marathon** by Government of India among 1200+ projects and **3rd Position** in **C.S.I.R. Innovation Awards**.

Publications

- L.R.D. Murthy, Gyanig Kumar, Pradipta Biswas, M. Madan, S. Deshmukh "Efficient Interaction with Automotive Heads-Up Displays using Appearance-based Gaze Tracking" Published in Work-in-Progress Track of the 14th International Conference on Automotive User Interfaces and Interactive Vehicular Applications (AutomotiveUI 2022) ACM Digital Library Link — <u>Video Submission</u>
- Yash Kumar Sahu, A. Mukhopadhyay, Gyanig Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Pradipta Biswas "A Comparative Study on Image Translation GAN Models to Improve Object Detection in Low-Resource Domains" Published in 2024 International Conference on Vehicular Technology and Transportation Systems (ICVTTS) IEEE Xplore Link
- Mukund Mitra, A.A. Patil, G. Mothish, Gyanig Kumar, A. Mukhopadhyay, L.R.D. Murthy, P.P. Chakraborty, Pradipta Biswas "Multimodal Target Prediction for Rapid Human-Robot Interaction" Published in 29th ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (ACM IUI) 2024 ACM Digital Library Link
- 4. Mukund Mitra, Gyanig Kumar, P.P. Chakraborty, Pradipta Biswas "Enhanced Human-Robot Collaboration with Intent Prediction using Deep-IRL" Published in IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2024 IEEE Xplore Link
- Subin Raj, L.R.D. Murthy, T.A. Shanmugam, Gyanig Kumar, A. Chakrabarti, Pradipta Biswas "Mixed Reality and Deep Learning-based System for Assisting Assembly Processes" Published in Journal on Multimodal User Interfaces (2023) Springer Link

Mar'25

Dec'21 - June'22

Aug'24 - Dec'24

Sept'20-Dec'20

Academic Projects

Ticket Price Calculator App | Java, Android Studio

• Created an Android application using Java and Android Studio to calculate ticket prices for trips to museums in NYC.

November 2020

October 2020

- Processed user inputted information in the back-end of the app to return a subtotal price based on the tickets selected.
- Utilized the layout editor to create a UI for the application in order to allow different scenes to interact with each other.

$\mathbf{Transaction} \ \mathbf{Management} \ \mathbf{GUI} \ | \ \textit{Java, Eclipse, JavaFX}$

- Designed a sample banking transaction system using Java to simulate the common functions of using a bank account.
- Used JavaFX to create a GUI that supports actions such as creating an account, deposit, withdraw, list all acounts, etc.
- Implemented object-oriented programming practices such as inheritance to create different account types and databases.

Volunteering

 Teaching Assistant, Konnexions Society, KIIT Teaching Assistant to a class over 100+ Students. — Appreciation Letter 	Nov'21 - April'22
• Managed a No-Credit Course focused on Mathematics in Machine Learning for a semester.	
 Student Member, Google Developer Student Community, KIIT Contributed in Organizing Online Seminar, Hackathons & Workshops. 	Oct'21 - Oct'22
 Worked with the ML team on a "PetFinder.my - Pawpularity Research Contest" on Kaggle, using e Vision models. (e.g. BiT ,ViT, EffNetB2-B5) 	ensemble with custom
• Secured 2nd Position out of 50 teams in KIIT university.	
 Lead Data Acquisition Engineer, Jaggurnaut Racing, KIIT Participated in BAJA SAE India 2022 ATV design and Building Competition Build a dashboard system for ATV with consor data information 	Feb'22 - Feb'23
 Build a dashboard system for ATV with sensor data information Secured 1st Position in KIIT University and 16th among 100+ teams in India 	
Certifications	
TensorFlow DeepLearning SpecilizationDeepLearning.ai - Jan'225th Summer School on AI,CVIT, IIITHyderabad - Sept'21Coursera course on Machine Learning,Stanford - July'20	
Achievements	
Secured 2nd Place in HACKCU11, AI Track [2025] Secured 2nd Place in AWS JAM Hackathon [2025]	
Hobbies	

HackerRank: Gold Level C++ programmer Soccer, Programming, Electric Guitar, Composing Music