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# EDUCATION

# UCLA Samueli School of Engineering | STEM F-1 VISA

Master's of Engineering in AI (Graduation: Sept 2025)

• Machine Learning, Distributed Training & Optimizations, NLP

### Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar

**B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering** | CGPA: 3.8

- Data Science, Machine Learning, NLP, Probability and Statistics, Databases, Data Structures and Algorithms, Linear Algebra
- Honors: Dean's List for academic excellence, Professor Nitish Thakor Scholarship for academic excellence
- Teaching Assistantship: ES 654: Machine Learning, CS 614: NLP, Short Course on Data Science & Analytics

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### ARTPark (AI & Robotics Tech Park), Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

#### Machine Learning Engineer

- Built an cost effective LLM copilot service for <u>ARMMAN</u> to streamline support workflow between health workers and medical officers for faster diagnosis and treatment in rural sector of India.
- Developed multilingual and multimodal medical chatbot supporting Indic languages and speech, enabling health workers to receive real-time, reference-backed responses enhancing reliability and transparency in generated response.
- Received Grant Funding from <u>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</u>. Our work has also been featured by Bill Gates in his [Blog].

#### **OrbitShift.AI**

#### Machine Learning Engineer

- Developed a people recommendation model using semantic matching for finance and sales applications. Enhanced model accuracy by 4% through implementation of contrastive learning losses, improving decision-making efficiency.
- **Optimization:** Implemented Elastic search framework to optimize search API performance, reducing response time from 9 seconds to under 2 seconds, resulting in a 78% improvement in efficiency for text-based queries.
- Automation: Developed LLM-based APIs for automated data extraction, text tagging, PDF summarization, and sentence paraphrasing. Leveraged cutting-edge models including GPT, Gemini, and Claude to enhance processing efficiency and accuracy.

#### **Enphase Energy**

#### Machine Learning & Software Engineer

- Architected and developed a predictive solar energy forecast API for the Enphase App. Leveraging historical energy data we forecast the energy output of the Enphase System for future days. Devised algorithm achieves  $R^2$  greater than 0.9 for first three days.
- **Optimization:** Benchmarked the deep learning model performance using light-weight auto-regressive models. Drastically reduced the API response time (within 3000ms) as compared to the previous baseline (10s).
- Collaborated cross-functionally to develop key features for Enlighten Homeowner app, including support history and data visualization tools. The app empowers customer to track system analytics and performance data [App Store Link] [Play Store Link]

### INTERNSHIPS

# Computer Vision and Intelligence Research Lab, IIT Kharagpur

#### **Research Intern**

- Constructed a multimodal architecture proficient in performing image inpainting tasks, precisely interpreting and executing upon natural language expressions linked to specific objects.
- Designed a two-stage pipeline wherein the inaugural stage engenders a segmentation mask derived from the input query, followed by a second stage dedicated to proficient inpainting utilizing the generated mask.
- Minimized the occurrence of inpainting artifacts, such as blurring and distortion, through the integration of contextual attention layers, thereby enhancing image quality and consistency.

#### EY (Ernst & Young)

#### Data Intern

- Identified core reasons behind significant skill gaps fueling youth unemployment in South Asian nations, paving the way for targeted interventions and policy reforms.
- Successfully orchestrated a strategic reduction in overheads associated with government and private sector vocational training programs, fostering optimal utilization of resources and enhancing the potential ROI.

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Los Angeles, California

Gandhinagar, India 2017 – 2021

Bengaluru, India Sept 2023 – Aug 2024

2024 - present

Remote May 2023 – Sept 2023

Bengaluru, India

July 2021 – April 2023

Kharagpur, India May 2019 –July 2019

Bombay, India

Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

is [<u>Blog</u>].

# **TECHINCAL SKILLS**

- Languages: Python, C, Java, Javascript, R, MATLAB
- Frameworks/Softwares: Hugging Face, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Flask, FastAPI, LATEX, MongoDB, Pytest, Docker, Git, Apache AirFlow, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn, Seaborn, Keras, Opencv, NLTK, Textacy, Jupyter, Google Colab, VSCode
- Key experience: Machine Learning Research, Model Development, Model Finetuning, Natural Language Processing, Generative AI & LLMs, Unit testing, Transfer learning, Data Analysis, LLM Automation, Time Series Modelling
- Leadership skills: Team building and leading, Business communication, Project management, Agile development, Professional writing

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Pratik Kayal, Mrinal Anand, Harsh Desai, and Mayank Singh Tables to LaTeX: Structure and Content Extraction from Scientific Tables In Proceedings of International Journal on Document Analysis and Recognition (IJDAR-23) [paper]
- Mrinal Anand, Pratik Kayal and Mayank Singh, Adversarial Robustness of Program Synthesis Models, In Advances in Programming Languages and Neurosymbolic Systems Workshop, at NeurIPS-21 [paper]
- Mrinal Anand, Pratik Kayal and Mayank Singh, AutoCoder: Leveraging Transformers for Automatic Code Synthesis, In Advances in Programming Languages and Neurosymbolic Systems Workshop, at NeurIPS-21 [paper]
- Mrinal Anand\*, Nidhin Harilal\*, Chandan Kumar\*, and Shanmuganathan Raman HDRVideo-GAN: Deep Generative HDR Video **Reconstruction** In Proceedings of 12th Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing (ICVGIP'21) [paper]
- Harsh Patel\*, Shivam Sahni\*, Varun Jain\*, Praveen Venkatesh\*, Mrinal Anand and Mayank Singh. Program Synthesis: Does Feedback Help? In YRS at ACM India Joint International Conference on Data Science and Management of Data (CoDS-COMAD 2022) [paper]
- Pratik Kayal, Mrinal Anand, Harsh Desai, Mayank Singh ICDAR 2021 Competition on Scientific Table Image Recognition to LaTeX. In: Lladós J., Lopresti D., Uchida S. (eds) Document Analysis and Recognition – ICDAR 2021. ICDAR 2021 Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 12824. Springer, Cham. [paper] [competition]
- [Preprint] Mrinal Anand, Pratik Kayal, and Mayank Singh (2021). On Adversarial Robustness of Synthetic Code Generation. ArXiv, abs/2106.11629. [paper]

# ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Adversarial Robustness of Code Generation Systems [Paper-1] [Paper-2]

- Devised black-box adversarial attacks and demonstrated the brittleness of the SOTA code generation model under adversarial settings.
- Proposed a new data augmentation algorithm to construct an adversarially robust dataset (AlgoLisp++) compared to AlgoLisp; Proposed a gated-attention transformer model and showed its superior adversarial performance than the vanilla attention model.
- Published two papers in AIPLANS at NeuIPS-21. Awarded Best Research Presentation at EEML-2020.

#### HDR Video-GAN: Deep Generative HDR Video Reconstruction [Paper]

- Proposed a temporally stable GAN-based mode for an HDR video reconstruction model that achieved state-of-the-art results.
- · Developed advanced HDR frame reconstruction technique, integrating perceptual and style-aware content losses, optical flow utilization, and temporal-stability regularization to enhance visual quality and reduce temporal incoherence.
- · Designed and implemented a self-supervised denoising block to extract clean LDR from noisy LDR frames, demonstrating significant improvement in image quality and processing efficiency.

#### Monsoon Rainfall Prediction [Presentation]

- Implemented a deep learning approach for predicting the overall rainfall pattern in India during the monsoon season.
- · Clustered the country into different zones to account for the spatiotemporal distribution of rainfall in India. Distance-based clustering methods, e.g. Netwon-Raphson method, give the best performance compared to K-Means and DBSCAN.
- Demonstrated that local factors (surface temperature, pressure) have greater influence than global factors (SSTs), enhancing climate model accuracy.

# POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Mentor/Buddy: Onboarded several new joines during my professional experience. Mentored two interns while at ARTPark.
- Reviewer: Served as a reviewer in a peer reviewed workshops and conferences (NAACL, ACL, AIPLANS at NeurIPS-21).
- Teaching Assistant: Machine Learning, NLP, Short Course on Data Science & Analytics, IIT Gandhinagar
- · Senior Executive: Entrepreneurship Initiative, IIT Gandhinagar
- Project Mentor: Coding Club (Metis), IIT Gandhinagar
- Team Leader: 7<sup>th</sup> Inter IIT Tech Meet: Secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position among 23 participating IITs for Eye in the Sky challenge IIT Bombay

#### Computer Vision, IITGN

NLP. IITGN

# Applied ML, IITGN