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EDUCATION

BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus
BE in Computer Science and Engineering

November 2020 - July 2024

 $Goa.\ India$

CGPA: 9.14/10

Alpine Public School
Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Computer Science

April 2018 - July 2020

Bengaluru, India

Class 12: 96.2%

Sri Kumarans Childrens Home, CBSE

April 2012 - April 2018

Class 10 CGPA: 9.8/10

Bengaluru, India

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

R-PAD Lab, Carnegie Mellon University | Site

Jan 2024 - Present

Supervisors: Prof. David Held, Prof. Zackory Erickson

Visiting Researcher

- Developing vision-based RL policies for robot assisted dressing of the human arm reactive to arm movements and robust to arm occlusions.
- Identified bottlenecks in dressing speed and optimised the ROS architecture to achieve a 35% speedup in dressing.

SenseLab, BITS Goa

Jun 2023 - Dec 2023

Supervisor: Prof. Sougata Sen

• Developed angle of arrival estimation methods using the MUSIC algorithm to build localisation systems based on WiFi sensing. Worked on synchronisation of data between the ESP-32 microcontrollers being used as receivers.

Research Student, BITS Goa

Jan 2023 - May 2023

Supervisor: Prof. Sujith Thomas

• Worked on bayesian modelling of relationships between stimuli dimensions and learning strategies of people when classifying data using R programming with JAGS.

WORK EXPERIENCE

ML Intern, DevRev.ai

May 2023 - July 2023

- Built a pipeline for the automated generation of knowledge base articles from customer conversations.
- Developed a benchmarking tool to score the performance of article generation models.

Software Intern, DLT Labs

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022

• Developed tests for multiple backend services and used test results to improve codebase quality.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Project Kratos, Autonomous Subsystem | Site

2021-2022

- Core member of the autonomous navigation team at Project Kratos, a BITS Goa Martian rover team
- Placed 1st in India, 2nd in Asia and 20th in the world at the University Rover Challenge 2022, Utah.
- Worked with OpenCV to develop custom image processing methods for arrow direction detection.
- Implemented object localisation, path planning and obstacle avoidance algorithms for the rover.

PolGuard | C Link

2022

- Client side desktop app for ML based malware detection that sends reports to police side webpage.
- Winning project at the Goa Police Hackathon 2022 for scalability and usability for the Goa Police.

Genetic Algorithm for the Vertex Colouring Problem | Q Link

2023

- Implemented the genetic algorithm with crossover reproduce, mutations, culling, elitism and random restarts.
- Analysed the effects of various hyperparameters on the fitness value of the graph.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS (TA)

Fall 2023 Theory of Computation, BITS Goa
 Spring 2023 Artificial Intelligence, BITS Goa
 Fall 2022 Discrete Structures for Computer Science, BITS Goa

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Student Mentor

Dec 2021 - May 2022

Academic Assistance Program

Center for Technical Education

• Conducted tutorial sessions for over 90 students for the courses Mathematics I (Fall 2021), Mechanical Oscillations and Waves (Fall 2021) and Mathematics II (Spring 2022).

Course Representative

Fall 2022

Artificial Intelligence

Association of Computer Science, Goa

• Student intermediary for collecting continuous feedback about issues faced by students. Helped improve course quality by working with the professor.

House Captain
Student Council
2016 - 2018
SKCH. CBSE

• Administration and organisation of literary and sports fests of the school. Managed the logistics of various inter-school events and led the house in inter-house competitions.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONOURS

- Received the **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY)** fellowship for research aptitude from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India in 2020.
- Received the **100% merit scholarship** from BITS Pilani Goa in 2021, for academically performing in the top 10 of the college.
- Received the IPCD Travel Grant supporting my abroad research thesis in 2024.
- Received the International Award for Young People (IAYP), silver and bronze awards, for successfully completing requirements in Social Service, Skills, Adventurous Journey and Physical Recreation, awarded by the Award Programme Foundation Trust India, in 2018 and 2017 respectively.
- Received the **Top Performer of the Year** award in 2020 for academic performance in class 12, from Alpine Public School.
- Awarded the **Top Performer Certificate** for the best submissions in the 2021 editon of Quark Summer Technical Projects.

EXTRACURRICULARS

- Secured the first place in the state wide Goa Police Hackathon 2022 among 40+ teams.
- Part of the **Indian-German exchange programme** in Class 10. Hosted a German partner in Bengaluru during October 2017 and was hosted in Augsburg during April 2018.
- Attended the 4th Summer School on Theoretical Foundations of Computer Science 2022, organised by the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIITB).
- Part of the Adv. Cache Memory reading group in Fall 2023 which explored state of the art cache replacement policies, prefetching and cache coherence under the guidance of Prof. Kanchan Manna.

RELEVANT COMPLETED COURSES

Discrete Structures for Computer Science, Logic in Computer Science, Object Oriented Programming, Data Structures & Algorithms, Database Systems, Programming Languages, Theory of Computation, Computer Architecture, Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Compiler Construction, Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Quantum Information & Computing

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: C++, Python, C, Java, Assembly
- Libraries: NumPy, OpenCV, Pytorch, Qiskit, Matplotlib
- Others: Git, SQL, Vim, ROS, LATEX, Linux, Bash Scripting, Docker