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EDUCATION

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

- MASC. in Electrical and Computer Engineering Sep 2016 – Sep 2018
 - Research Area: Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
 - Adviser: Dr. Mark Crowley, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo.
 - Focus: Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning, Image Processing, Software Engineering and Algorithms.

College Of Engineering Guindy, Anna University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

- Bachelor of Engineering in Geo Informatics Jul 2012 – Jul 2016
 - Graduated with Honors and first rank.
 - Cumulative GPA: 9.7 / 10.00
 - Research Thesis: "Cartographic View of Cancer"
 - Adviser: Dr. S. Jayalakshmi, Assistant Professor, Department of Remote Sensing, Anna University.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Lab, University Of Waterloo

Sep 2016 – Sep 2018

- Master's Student, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department
 - Project: Reinforcement Learning for Determining Spread Dynamics of Spatially Spreading Processes with emphasis on forest fires
 - Supervisors: Prof. Mark Crowley, University of Waterloo
 - Focus: Spatially Spreading Processes (SSP), Forest Fire management, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Statistical analysis, Data analytics.

Predictive Collaborative Automated Drive for Crash Avoidance, Research Assistant, Denso International America, Detroit, Michigan and University of Waterloo

Apr 2017 – Jan 2018

- This project involves enabling an ensemble of self driving cars to learn predictive collaborative driving alongside human driven cars for navigation and crash avoidance. My role in the project involved using Reinforcement Learning algorithms like Deep Q learning to make the learning modules for the vehicles. The project was showcased as a demonstrative display at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) -2018 in Las Vegas (from 8th January to 12th January.)
- Supervisors: Prof. Sebastian Fischmeister, University of Waterloo
Prof. William Melek, University of Waterloo
Prof. Mark Crowley, University of Waterloo
- Focus: Reinforcement Learning, Autonomous Driving on multilevel dynamic system.

Spatial Pattern Comparison Statistics, Research assistant, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

May 2017 – Aug 2017

- This project involves the research and development of spatial pattern comparison statistics as a package in R.
- Supervisors: Prof. Colin Robertson, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Mitacs Globalink Internship
- Focus: Spatial Statistics, Pattern Comparison, R Library Implementation, Spatial Auto correlation.

Geo+Social Analytics for Healthy Urban Environments, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Apr 2015 – Aug 2015

- This project involves finding important influences of the spatial environment a person interacts with, on his/her mental health. My role involved implementing the computational tools and statistical functions needed in the project.
- Supervisors: Prof. Colin Robertson, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Mitacs Globalink Internship
- Focus: Metal Stress, Geographic modelling, GIS, Computational Tools.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Algorithms and Data Structures, Teaching Assistant, University Of Waterloo

Jan 2017 – May 2017

- My responsibilities included helping students with lab projects and grading assignments.
- Got a high TA grading of 4.64 on 5.

Data and Knowledge Modelling, Teaching Assistant, University Of Waterloo

Jan 2018 – May 2018

- My responsibilities includes preparing and grading homework, assignments and exam; guiding students with projects and providing assistance for theoretical understanding of the course material.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Sriram Ganpathi Subramanian and M. Crowley, “Combining MCTS and A3C for Prediction of Spatially Spreading Processes in Forest Wildfire Setting” To appear in *Proceedings of the 30th Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 2018.
- [2] Sriram Ganpathi Subramanian, Benyamin Ghojogh, Jaspreet Singh Sambee and M. Crowley, “Decision Assist For Self-Driving Cars” To appear in *Proceedings of the 30th Canadian Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 2018.
- [3] Sriram Ganpathi Subramanian and M. Crowley, “Learning Forest Wildfire Dynamics from Satellite Images using Reinforcement Learning” in *Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making*, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, Jun 2017.
- [4] Sriram Ganpathi Subramanian and Amrith Ganesh, “Spatial Decision Support System for Industrial Robots.” in *International Conference on Innovations in Marine Electrical and Electronics Engineering*, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Apr 2015

PATENTS

- [1] Sriram Ganpathi Subramanian, Keshav Pameshwaran, Sivakumar.S, Patent Number: 11581/2015-CO/L, “Mine closure using remote sensing aid”, Pending Indian Patent, Feb 2016.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Faculty of Engineering Award Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Waterloo. May 2017
Sum of 3000 CAD for outstanding academic performance in the fall 2016 and winter 2017 terms.
- Mitacs Globalink May 2017
A 15000 CAD scholarship for graduate studies in Canada.
- Governor’s Medal, Anna University Aug 2015
For Graduating at the top of the Geoinformatics Batch, 2012-2016, Anna University, Chennai.
- Vice-Chancellors Award for academic merit - Gold coin and Merit certificate, Anna University Aug 2015
For attaining a semester GPA of 10.
- Best Outgoing Student, Geoinformatics Department, College of Engineering Guindy Jul 2016
For outstanding performance in the undergraduate program.
- Mitacs Global Link May 2015
Fully funded internship of 3 months in Canada.
- Mapp your way Jan 2016
Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)
Application built for Bio war and Disease Outbreak - Rated the second best application in national level
- Hackathon - HackforHealth Jan 2017
Awarded 1st place for Eye talk mobile application targeting patients suffering from speech defects and Alzheimer’s disease.
- Hackathon - EngHacks Mar 2017
Awarded 3rd place for Mental Stress identification web application based on Waterloo open data portal.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES**Indian Society of Geomatics,**

Space Application Centre, Ahmadabad, India

- Member 2016 – Present

Indian Society of Remote Sensing,

Dehradun, Utrakhand, India

- Member 2016 – Present

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**Tech Forum**, College of Engineering Guindy, Anna University

- Student Director of Projects Aug 2016 – Aug 2017

Responsibilities included:

- Guiding student projects on campus
- Run the UNESCO patronaged technical event of College of Engineering Guindy, called Kurukshetra.

LANGUAGES

- Tamil: Native language.
- English: Fluent (speaking, reading, writing).
- Hindi: Intermediate (reading); basic (speaking, writing).
- Sanskrit: Intermediate (reading); basic (speaking, writing).

- SKILLS** Deep Learning frameworks (Tensorflow, Torch), Web Development, GIS (Arc GIS and QGIS), Image Processing(ERDAS, Opticks), R, C++, C#, Java, Python, SQL, Video Editing, Game Development, L^AT_EX
- INTERESTS** Mirudangam (South Indian Percussion Instrument), Cricket, Swimming.
- REFERENCES**
- **Dr Mark Crowley**
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