Deep Karkhanis



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Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

July 2016 - Aug 2020

- o B.Tech with Honors in ${\color{blue}\textbf{Computer Science}}$ and Engineering
- o Core GPA: **9.58**/10.0 o Honors GPA: **10.0**/10.0
- o Minor Degree in Statistics and Informatics

Work Experience

Microsoft Research Fellow

Since Aug '20

Microsoft Research Lab, India

o Working under Dr. Harsha Vardhan Simhadri and Dr. Ravishankar Krishnaswamy | Received Letters of Recommendation

Email Search for Microsoft Exchange

- o Enhancing Microsoft Exchange to make it easier for users to search for emails within their inbox
- o Improved the Microsoft DiskANN system to require only half the number of distance calculations compared to state of the art
- o Achieved $>\!95\%$ accuracy kNN search on email datasets having high-rates of inserts and deletes

Bing Ads Recommendation

- o Working on the Bing Ad recommendation system serving all European Markets in multiple languages
- o Designed a first of its kind graph-based ANN algorithm which has support for filter-based search imbued in the build phase

Awards and Scholastic Achievements

- o Conferred the Institute Academic Excellence Award by the Dean for securing Institute Rank 1 at the end of 1st year
- o Secured a Perfect 10/10 GPA in 3 out of 8 semesters. Only student (1 of 950) with 10.0 GPA in both Freshman semesters
- o Received the Undergraduate Research Award, IIT Bombay in the 4th year
- o Awarded 3 AP grades (Advanced Performer) for having the best performance in the institute in those courses

Academic Projects

Compiler for a subset of C

Prof. Uday Khedkar

- o Designed a compiler and interpreter from scratch for processing a C style language and supporting all its standard datatypes
- o Supports multiple variable scopes; conditional, control-flow & arithmetic statements; recursion & user-defined functions

Valid-time attribute for PostgreSQL

Prof. S. Sudarshan

- o Extended PostgreSQL codebase to add a new 'valid-time' attribute stores time frame for which table entry was valid
- o Designed syntax for declaring temporal relations, which are relations having a valid time attribute

Research Experience

Internships...

RWTH Aachen

May '19 - July '19

Prof. Dr. Ir. Joost-Pieter Katoen | Received Letters of Recommendation

- o Incorporated Counting-SAT to compute Bounded Reachability Probabilities in MDPs in one shot
- o Designed a succinct CNF representation for Markov Chains using the transition probabilities BDD to get a 10x faster algorithm

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May '18 - July '18

- ${\it Prof. Krishnendu Chatterjee} \mid {\it Received Letters of Recommendation}$
- o Improved the POMCP algorithm to create an online MEMDP algorithm and established its superiority over POMDP algorithms
- o Exploited the sparse transitions in MEMDPs to have faster belief updates [O(n)] as opposed to $O(n^2)$ to get faster processing

Bachelor's Project

IIT Bombay

July '19 - July '20

Prof. Shivaram Kalyanakrishnan | Undergraduate Research Award | Received Recommendation

- o Made POMDP policy iteration more efficient by improving the update of Directed Cyclic Graphs to get 20% higher rewards
- o Designed algorithms to handle multiple DCGs & improve arbitrary subsets of DCG-nodes while ensuring Policy Improvement

Leadership and Mentorship Experience

Teaching o Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Computer Systems

Assistant o Mentored **200+** UG's, conducted weekly tutorials, created assignments

Institute Web Nominee, Academic Council

Web Secretary

o Managed portals used by 3000+students, 100+professors o Received Organizational Color Award for exceptional work