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## EDUCATION

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**Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), School of Computer Science** Pittsburgh, PA  
Master of Computational Data Science (MCDS) | *GPA: 4.11/4.33* December 2020  
*Relevant Coursework:* Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Neural Networks for NLP, Machine Learning for Large Datasets, Multimodal Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Computer Systems, Interactive Data Science

**National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal (NITK)** Surathkal, India  
Bachelor of Technology Information Technology | *GPA: 9.54/10, Class Rank: 5/103* May 2019

## EXPERIENCE

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**Amazon** Palo Alto, CA  
*Applied Scientist II, Amazon Search Science and AI* Feb 2021 - Present

- Working on leveraging Large Language Models (LLMs) to build semantic representations of Amazon entities.
- Developed Conversational Product Retrieval models to enhance customer experience for conversational queries.
- Trained Mixture of Experts (MoE) based LLMs to boost Click-through rate (CTR) prediction in e-commerce advertisement and used cross-architecture knowledge distillation to deploy LLMs in low-latency settings.
- Developed generative encoder-decoder models to improve the spell correction system at Amazon.

**Amazon** Seattle, WA  
*Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon Search* May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Developed BERT-based models to link context-of-use entities with products to improve search experience.
- Proposed co-teaching-based approaches to improve precision & coverage of links compared to lexical matching.

**Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IITH)** Hyderabad, India  
*Research Intern at Visual Learning and Intelligence (VIGIL) lab* August 2018 - December 2018

- Developed a novel Multi-Space model for Zero-Shot Object Detection (ZSD) which outperformed the state-of-the-art in ZSD on Pascal VOC by 14% in mean average precision (mAP)

**Microsoft** Hyderabad, India  
*Software Engineering Intern, Azure Networking* May 2018 - July 2018

- Developed a plug and play service for effective management, monitoring and usage of Test clusters.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- J Zhang, A Muhamed, **Aditya Anantharaman**, G Wang, C Chen, K Zhong, Q Cui, Y Xu, B Zeng, T Chilimbi, Y Chen “*ReAugKD: Retrieval-Augmented Knowledge Distillation For Pre-trained Language Models*”, ACL 2023 (Oral)
- Michael Yang\*, **Aditya Anantharaman\***, Derik Clive Robert\*, Zachary Kitowski\* “*Graph Relation Transformer: Incorporating pairwise object features into the Transformer architecture*”, Visual QA Workshop, CVPR 2021
- D Gupta, **Aditya Anantharaman**, N Mamgain, S Kamath, V Balasubramanian, C V Jawahar “*A Multi-Space Approach to Zero-Shot Object Detection*”, Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2020)
- M Vikram, **Aditya Anantharaman**, Suhas BS, S Kamath, “*An Approach for Multimodal Medical Image Retrieval using Latent Dirichlet Allocation*”, India KDD CoDS-COMAD 2019 (Oral). Short paper at AI for Social Good Workshop, NeurIPS 2018.

## ACADEMIC PROJECTS

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**Graph Relation Transformer for Text Visual Question Answering (Text-VQA)** [Paper](#) | Fall 2020

- Proposed a multimodal Graph Relation Transformer which leverages transformer layers for graph attention computation with rich edge and node information for the task of Text-VQA.

**End-to-End 2D to 3D Video Conversion** [Github](#) | Spring 2020

- Extended Deep-3D model using monocular depth estimation and segmentation masks from Mask-RCNN.

**Fact Extraction and Verification (FEVER shared task)** [Github](#) | Spring 2020

- Implemented a BERT-based model and strengthened claim verification module using Multi-Task Deep Neural Networks (MT-DNN) and Stochastic Answer Networks (SAN) in addition to multi-hop evidence reasoning.

## SKILLS

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Programming Languages: Python, C++, C, Java, MySQL  
Deep Learning: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Deepspeed  
Cloud Platforms and Tools: AWS, Azure, Google Cloud Platform, Hadoop MapReduce, PySpark