Vishaal Udandarao

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Education

Oct'22 - ELLIS / University of Tübingen / University of Cambridge.

present PhD, Machine Learning

Sep'21 - University of Cambridge.

Aug'22 MPHIL, MACHINE LEARNING AND MACHINE INTELLIGENCE

Percentage – 77.21/100 (Distinction)

Aug'16 – IIIT Delhi.

May'20 BTECH, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

GPA - 9.17/10

Featured Publications

- O. Press*, A. Hochlehnert*, A. Prabhu, V. Udandarao, O. Press, M. Bethge, "CiteME: Can Language Models
 Accurately Cite Scientific Claims?", NeurIPS 2024 [paper][code][benchmark]
- **V. Udandarao***, K. Roth*, S. Dziadzio, A. Prabhu, M. Cherti, O. Vinyals, O. Henaff, S. Albanie, M. Bethge, Z. Akata, "A Practitioner's Guide to Continual Multimodal Pretraining", NeurIPS 2024 [paper][code]
- *V. Udandarao**, A. Prabhu*, A. Ghosh, Y. Sharma, P.H.S. Torr, A. Bibi, S. Albanie, M. Bethge, "No "Zero-Shot" Without Exponential Data: Pretraining Concept Frequency Determines Multimodal Model Performance", NeurIPS 2024 [paper][code]
- *V. Udandarao**, A. Prabhu*, P.H.S. Torr, M. Bethge, A. Bibi, S. Albanie, "Efficient Lifelong Model Evaluation in an Era of Rapid Progress", NeurIPS 2024 [paper][code]
- **V. Udandarao***, M. Burg, S. Albanie, M. Bethge, "Visual Data-Type Understanding does not emerge from Scaling Vision-Language Models", ICLR 2024 [paper][code]
- **V. Udandarao**, A. Gupta, S. Albanie, "SuS-X: Training-Free Name-Only Transfer of Vision-Language Models", ICCV 2023 [paper][code]

Research Experience

Oct'22 - Computational Neuroscience and Machine Learning Group, University of Tübingen.

present Advisors: Prof Dr Matthias Bethge, Dr Samuel Albanie

- Understanding the generalisation properties of foundation models through a data-centric lens.
- Understand and build strong inductive biases into foundation models to equip them for continual generalisation.

Mar'22 - Machine Intelligence Lab, University of Cambridge.

- Dec'22 Advisors: Dr Samuel Albanie, Dr Ankush Gupta
 - o Investigating the visual few-shot performance potential of large scale multi-modal foundation models.
 - Understand the abilities of two particular few-shot adaptation techniques adapters and prompt learning.

Jul'20 - Rutgers Machine Learning Lab (RUML), Rutgers University.

Jul'21 Advisor: Dr Sungjin Ahn

- Empirical investigation of slot-based and box-based approaches to object centric representation learning.
- Understand the abilities of slot and box approaches to improve downstream task performance pertaining to different abilities extending to complex morphological scenes.

Mar'20 - MIDAS Lab, IIIT Delhi.

Jul'20 Advisors: Dr Rajiv Ratn Shah, Rajesh Kumar

- o Discover privacy leaks from behavioural biometric data.
- Understand the extent of privacy leakage factors that can be exposed based on per-user typing/swipe/gait features using machine/deep learning.

Jul'19 - Infosys Center for Artificial Intelligence (CAI) Lab, IIIT Delhi.

Aug'20 Advisor: Dr Saket Anand

- Unsupervised learning of disentangled representations.
- Learn well disentangled, statistically independent latent factors of variation helping to reduce sample complexity
 of downstream tasks and generate high fidelity reconstructions.

Aug'18 - Signal Processing and Biomedical Imaging (SBI) Lab, IIIT Delhi.

- Aug'20 Advisors: Dr Anubha Gupta, Dr Tanmoy Chakraborty
 - Creation of self-learning chatbots for assisting teachers in understanding pedagogical content.
 - Proposed an educational-domain QA system using concept-network mapping.

Industry Experience

June'24 - Google (DeepMind), Zürich, Switzerland.

- Oct'24 Student Researcher
 - Research on distillation of vision-language models

July'20 - **Myntra, Bengaluru, India**.

- Aug'21 Software Engineer
 - o Built and deployed scalable APIs to serve a target customer base of around 15m consumers around India.
 - Mentored 5 software engineering interns on an end-to-end log anomaly detection project.

May'19 - Expedia Group, Gurugram, India.

- Jul'19 Software Development Intern
 - o Created and deployed a scalable image ranking solution for images of destination locations.
 - Conducted extensive statistical tests on a dataset of 10k+ images.

Invited Talks and Podcasts

- o Google AR, Zürich, 11/2024
- o ELLIS Flagship Conference, Helsinki, 06/2024
- University of Washington, 06/2024
- o Al'N Stuff Podcast, 04/2024
- DatologyAI, 04/2024
- Workshop on Scaling Laws, NeurIPS, 12/2023
- Explainable Machine Learning Group, University of Tübingen, 11/2023
- o LAION, 08/2023

Honors & Awards

- o Google PhD Fellowship for Machine Intelligence, 2024
- ELLIS PhD Scholarship, 2022
- Recipient of HRH The Prince of Wales Commonwealth Scholarship from the Cambridge Trust, 2021-22
- o IIIT-Delhi Dean's Award for Academic Excellence 2016-17, 2018-19
- Was the topper across all schools in the Gulf region in CBSE AISSCE 2016 exams (All India Rank 7)

Reviewing Experience

- o ICLR-2025
- NeurIPS-2024
- o ECCV-2024
- CVPR-2023/2024 (Outstanding reviewer)
- o WACV-2020/2022/2023
- o IJCV-2023

Teaching Experience

- TA, Deep Learning, Prof. Saket Anand, Spring'20
- TA, Machine Learning, Prof. Jainendra Shukla, Fall'19
- o TA, Introduction to Engineering Design, Prof. Aman Parnami, Spring'19
- o TA, Linear Algebra, Prof. Samaresh Chaterjee, Fall'18