Ashish Seth

Education

2020–2023: Master, Computer Science & Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, CGPA: 9.12/10, Advisors: Prof S.Umesh, Prof Hema A.Murthy.

Research Focus: Self-Supervised Learning, Audio Classification, Speech Recognition (ASR)

2016–2020: Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Army Institute Of Technology, Pune, CGPA: 8.98/10.

Publications

Journal Articles

2022 Sreyan Ghosh*, **Ashish Seth***, and S Umesh. Decorrelating feature spaces for learning general-purpose audio representations. *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing* (*IEEE J-STSP*), 2022.

In Conference Proceedings

- 2024 Sreyan Ghosh*, **Ashish Seth***, Sonal Kumar, Utkarsh Tyagi, Chandra Kiran Reddy Evuru, S. Ramaneswaran, S Sakshi, Oriol Nieto, Ramani Duraiswami, and Dinesh Manocha. Compa: Addressing the gap in compositional reasoning in audio-language models. *Under Review in* (*ICLR*), 2024.
- 2023 Ashish Seth*, Mayur Hemani*, and Chirag Agarwal. Dear: Debiasing vision-language models with additive residuals. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2023.
- 2023 Ashish Seth*, Sreyan Ghosh*, S. Umesh, and Dinesh Manocha. Slicer: Lerning universal audio representations using low-resource self-supervised pre-training. In *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2023.
- 2023 Anusha Prakash, Arun Kumar, Ashish Seth, and et al. Technology Pipeline for Large Scale Cross-Lingual Dubbing of Lecture Videos into Multiple Indian Languages. In (IN-TERSPEECH), 2023.
- 2023 Sreyan Ghosh*, **Ashish Seth***, S. Umesh, and Dinesh Manocha. Mast: Multiscale audio spectrogram transformers. In *ICASSP 2023 2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2023.
- 2022 Anish Bhanushali, Grant Bridgman, Deekshitha G, Prasanta Ghosh, Pratik Kumar, Saurabh Kumar, Adithya Raj Kolladath, Nithya Ravi, Aaditeshwar Seth, **Ashish Seth**, and et al. Gram Vaani ASR Challenge on spontaneous telephone speech recordings in regional variations of Hindi. In *(INTERSPEECH)*, 2022.
- 2021 Mari Ganesh Kumar, Jom Kuriakose, Anand Thyagachandran, Arun Kumar A*, **Ashish Seth***, Lodagala V.S.V. Durga Prasad*, Saish Jaiswal, Anusha Prakash, and Hema A. Murthy. Dual Script E2E Framework for Multilingual and Code-Switching ASR. In *(INTERSPEECH)*, 2021.

In Workshops

2023 Ashish Seth*, Sreyan Ghosh*, S. Umesh, and Dinesh Manocha. Unfused: Unsupervised finetuning using self supervised distillation. In 2023 workshop on Self-supervision in Audio, Speech and Beyond, (ICASSP), 2023.

2022 Sreyan Ghosh*, **Ashish Seth***, Deepak Mittal, Maneesh Singh, and S. Umesh. Delores: Decorrelating latent spaces for low-resource audio representation learning. In 2022 workshop on Self-supervised Learning for Audio and Speech Processing, (AAAI), 2022.

Arxiv Pre-prints

- 2023 Ashish Seth*, Lodagala V S V Durga Prasad*, Sreyan Ghosh*, and S. Umesh. Analyzing the factors affecting usefulness of self-supervised pre-trained representations for speech recognition. 2023.
- 2023 Sreyan Ghosh, Sandesh V Katta, **Ashish Seth**, and Srinivasan Umesh. Deep clustering for general-purpose audio representations. 2023.

Professional Work Experience

MTS (Member of Technical Staff) @ Adobe India

2023-present Building API and Services for B2B marketing software.

- Working as a software engineer in building API and Services for B2B (Business-to-Business) marketing software.
- Led the team in building deep learning models that capture customer behaviors and recommend products by combining customer and salesperson feedback.

Project Associate @ IIT (Indian Institute Of Technology) Madras

2020 – 2023 Building state-of-the-art (SOTA) ASR and TTS models for Indian Languages.

- Build SOTA Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) and Text-to-Speech Models for various Indian languages
- Presented our findings at many international conferences e.g. ICASSP, InterSpeech, AAAI, etc.

Building end-to-end pipeline for video-to-video translation of educational lectures into regional Indian Languages.

- Was part of the team that built tools and APIs for video-to-video translation for an e-learning platform NPTEL (National Program on Technology Enhanced Learning) from English to several regional Indian languages.
- Led the team in building SOTA machine translation systems for various educational domains for Indian languages and collecting diverse data for building such models

Advisor: Dr. Hema A. Murthy, Dr. S. Umesh

MDSR (Media Data Science and Research) Intern @ Adobe India

May 2022 - Developed novel debiasing technique for Vision-Language models.

- Aug 2022 Led the team that proposed a novel approach for debiasing Vision-Language models such as CLIP, BLIP, etc, against various protected attributes like race, gender, and age.
 - We presented our findings at an international conference, CVPR 2023 in Vancouver, Canada

Mentors: Dr. Chirag Agarwal, Mayur Hemani

Research Experience

Research Scholar @ SPRING Lab, IIT Madras

2021 – 2023 Towards General-Purpose Audio Representation Learning.

- Under the supervision of *Prof. S. Umesh*, I developed novel self-supervised frameworks to train audio classification models under low resource settings (in terms of data and model size)
- We proposed an open-source benchmark called LAPE (Low-Resource Audio Pretraining and Evaluation) which contain multiple speech and non-speech classification task. Under this project, we also open-source all our models and codes for the research community.
- We published our findings at many international conferences and journals e.g. ICASSP-2023, InterSpeech-2022, AAAI-2022, IEEE J-STSP-2022.

2022 – 2023 Domain Adaptation in Speech Recognition Models (ASR).

- Under the supervision of *Prof. S. Umesh* and *Prof. Hema A. Murthy*, I proposed novel solutions to tackle domain mismatch while fine-tuning a pre-trained ASR model.
- Currently our work is under review for ICASSP 2024.

Advisors: Dr. S. Umesh, Dr. Hema A. Murthy,

Academic Achievements & Recognitions

- 2023 Presented 4 conference papers in IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), Rhodes Island, Greece
- 2023 Awarded IEEE Signal Processing Society Travel Grant to attend ICASSP
- 2023 Best Presentation/Demo Award in Speech and Language Technology (SLT) Hackathon, Qatar
- 2022 Part of Organizing Committee for Gram Vaani ASR Challenge hosted in Interspeech
- 2021 Runner up in Multilingual and Code-Switching ASR Challenges for Low Resource Indian Languages in Interspeech

Programming Skills

Programming Python (Framework: PyTorch, Keras, Numpy, Pandas, Sklearn, Matplotlib, Seaborn), C,

Languages C++, Java (Framework: Spring, Scala)

Web HTML 5, PHP, JSP, Javascript, ReactJS

Technologies

Database SQL, MySQL, MongoDb