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EXPERIENCE

Amazon, Applied Scientist Intern
Alexa Smart Home Team

August 2022 - December 2022

- Removed redundant features by performing feature importance analysis using visualization techniques, and model ablation study
- Adopted a novel self-attention based architecture for multi-variate time-series classification task to model user behaviors
- Interpreted attention scores to find insights on important segments from the history

Apple, Machine Learning Intern
Siri Text to Speech Team

May 2022 - August 2022

- Implemented an end-to-end acoustic model for text-to-speech synthesis
- Built a data synthesis and training pipeline to train deep learning models on large scale speech corpus (500 hours)

Data Science Research Lab at UF, Laboratory Research Assistant
Multi-Answer Question Answering Benchmarking Dataset

March 2022 - May 2022

- Annotated 1,000 QA pairs for the multi-answer QA benchmark dataset, to track misinformation and disinformation
- Performed Tweet stance annotation for 1,000 samples QA pairs from Twitter API Querier using Dense Distinct Tweet Retriever (DDTR) model

AIDA a DARPA funded Question Answering System

September 2021 - March 2022

- Extracted sentence embeddings from 100,000 sentences using XLM Roberta for similarity clustering
- Built pipeline for cross-lingual Natural Language Inferencing using mT5 model on hand-annotated 5,000 cross-claim pairs, improving the score by 38%

ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation, ML Research Intern

December 2020 - April 2021

Retrieval of water quality parameters of coastal waters of oceans using satellite data

- Researched and developed a modified Neural Network algorithm to solve the inversion problem of acquiring 6 IOPs from remote surface reflectance data
- Achieved a good settlement with respect to R-Square values for each water quality parameter of about 97%

PUBLICATIONS

- **Neural network based retrieval of inherent optical properties (IOPs) of coastal waters of oceans**, *IEEE India Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium* (InGARSS 2021), doi.org/10.1109/InGARSS51564.2021.9792013
- **Improving Deep Learning based Automatic Speech Recognition for Gujarati**, *ACM Transactions on Asian and Low Resource Language Information Processing* (ACM TALLIP 2021), dl.acm.org/doi/full/10.1145/3483446
- **End-to-End Automatic Speech Recognition for Gujarati**, *17th International Conference on Natural Language Processing* (ICON 2020: ACL Anthology), aclanthology.org/2020.icon-main.56

PROJECTS

mRNA COVID-19 vaccine degradation prediction, Kaggle Genomics Project

January 2022 - May 2022

- Established a Hybrid Bi-LSTM Bi-GRU model to achieve good MCRMSE score of 0.3577 over 5 column values
- Demonstrated that graph-based architectures better capture sequential patterns in mRNA, with a 10% improvement in MCRMSE score

Image based Melanoma Detection, Medical Research Project

January 2022 - May 2022

- Attained a Sensitivity score of 92.4% by ensembling ResNet and EfficientNet based models by finding threshold margin maximized over G-Means value
- Evaluated the application of self-supervised pre-training based on BYOL model, achieving an increase of 3% for both ResNet and EfficientNet based models

Schema based Dialogue System, Spoken Dialogue Systems Research Project

September 2021 - December 2021

- Invented a zero-shot dialogue system using a schema-guided attention model for wire-framing dialogue systems
- Designed robust entity extraction module based on GPT2 with decent priming for final round robin evaluation achieving an average User Satisfaction of 7.3
- Systematized the study protocol for evaluation for 20 users

CommonLit Readability Prize, Kaggle NLP competition
Silver medal · 106th/3566 (Top 3%)

May 2021 - August 2021

- Formulated 2D attention algorithm for Roberta large increasing the performance by 15%
- Experimented with fine-tuning techniques by implementing differential learning rate, gradient accumulation, and custom attention heads to attain a competitive RMSE of 0.460
- Utilized Forward Selection OOF to ensemble various models and boost the overall RMSE to 0.4588 by generalizing the target value

End-to-End Speech Recognition for low-resource language, NLP Research Project December 2019 - March 2021

- Tailored beam search decoding by introducing multi-level language modeling, reducing the word error rate by 2.1%
- Innovated spell correction post-processing using BERT language model, outpacing the previous performance by 3%
- Analyzed 20,000 words to determine why the system makes erroneous predictions, and to understand how it works
- Scrapped and forged 316M word corpus for developing language model using KenLM package with ablation study

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, United States

August 2021 - May 2023

Master of Science in Computer Science (*Machine Learning specialization*) (GPA: 3.9/4)

Relevant coursework: Machine Learning, Machine Learning in Genomics, Spoken Dialogue Systems, Math for Intelligent Systems, Pattern Recognition & Intelligent Systems

Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad, Gujarat, India

July 2017 - May 2021

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering (GPA: 9.01/10)

Relevant coursework: Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, Digital Image Processing

HONORS & CLUBS

- Paper reviewer for 29th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ACM ICONIP 2022)
- Mentored a group of 5 juniors as the ML Team Head at Developers Student Clubs (DSC) by Google Developers
- Arranged and taught 6+ seminars and workshops on various machine learning concepts at DSC
- Achieved 1st place in university for ACM-ICPC, Gwalior-Pune regionals online qualifier

SKILLS

Programming Languages & Databases: Python, Java, C, Latex, Matlab, C#, Javascript, PHP, MySQL

Framework & Libraries: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Pandas, Matplotlib, Numpy, Librosa, Hugging Face, Optuna

Tools & Services: Git, Github, GCP, AWS, Microsoft Azure, Visual Studio, Agile Development Process (SCRUM)