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Research Interest

Natural Language Processing, Unsupervised and Low Resource NLP, Machine Learning for Source Code: Summarization/Synthesis/Search/Repair, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Software Engineering, Human Computer Interaction, Artificial Intelligence.

Achievements

Best Student Paper Award (2018):
   ✥ International Conference on Bangla Speech and Language Processing – 2018
   ✥ Paper: *"Recognition of Bengali Handwritten Digits Using Convolutional Neural Network Architectures"*

Kaggle Contest Winner (2018):
   ✥ Bengali Handwritten Digit Recognition Competition
   ✥ https://www.kaggle.com/c/numta/leaderboard
   ✥ 99.3559% accuracy in NumtaDB, the largest dataset of Bengali Handwritten Digits

2nd Runner up at Robi Datathon (2019):
   ✥ First Data Science Hackathon in Bangladesh

NSysS Software Project Award (2016):
   ✥ http://floaterfb.blogspot.com/

Accepted Papers

Not Low-Resource Anymore: Aligner Ensembling, Batch Filtering, and New Datasets for Bengali-English Machine Translation. Tahmid Hasan, Abhik Bhattacharjee, Kazi Samin, **Masum Hasan,** Madhusudan Basak, M. Sohel Rahman, Rifat Shahriyar. EMNLP, 2020.
arXiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.09359

Recognition of Bengali Handwritten Digits Using Convolutional Neural Network Architectures. **Md Mahmudul Hasan**, Md Rafid Ul Islam, Md Tareq Mahmood. ICBSLP, Sylhet, Bangladesh, 2018.
DOI: 10.1109/ICBSLP.2018.8554753

Early Detection of Earthquake Using Satellite Based Quantum Computing. Akhter Al Amin, **Mahmudul Hasan**, Kazi Sinthia Kabir, Tanzila Choudhury, ABM Alim Al Islam. ICCSNT, 2015.
DOI: 10.1109/ICCSNT.2015.7490923

Completed Papers

Text2App: Text2App: A Framework for Creating Android Apps from Text Descriptions. **Masum Hasan**, Kazi Sajeed Mehrab, Wasi Uddin Ahmad, Rifat Shahriyar. Submitted: ACL 2021.
Paper + Code + Demo: https://text2app.github.io

CoDesc: A Large Code–Description Parallel Dataset. **Masum Hasan**, Tanveer Muttaqeen, Ishtiaq Niloy, Kazi Mehrab, Tahmid Hasan, Mahim Pantho, Wasi Uddin Ahmad, Rifat Shahriyar, Anindya Iqbal
Submitted: ACL 2021.

Review4Repair: Code Review Aided Automatic Program Repairing. Faria Huq, **Masum Hasan**, Mahim Pantho, Sazan Mahbub, Anindya Iqbal, Toufique Ahmed. Rebuttal: IST (Journal), Impact Factor: 2.726
arXiv preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.01544

Revisiting Code Review Usefulness: A Case Study at Samsung Research Bangladesh. **Masum Hasan**, Anindya Iqbal, Amiangshu Bosu, Mohammad Rafid Ul Islam, A.J.M. Imtiajur Rahman.
Under review: EMSE (Journal)

BERT2Code: Few-Shot Semantic Code Search with Pretrained Natural Language and Code Embeddings. Istiaq Niloy, **Masum Hasan**, Kazi Mehrab, Mahim Pantho, Tahmid Hasan, Rifat Shahriyar
Submitted: ICANN 2021

On-going Research

Sub-Tree Compression: A Novel Compression Algorithm for Source Code Data*‡
- ⊕ Compress repetitive code structures to reduce source code data length.
- ⊕ Lossless reduction of number of code tokens by 10~20%.
- ⊕ 10% faster training for state-of-the-art code summarization network with no performance reduction

GPT-Bengali*‡
- ⊕ Crawled and pre-processed 18GB Bengali Corpus
- ⊕ Trained a GPT2 small Language Model (110M parameters) in Bengali
- ⊕ New benchmark, datasets, evaluation metrics for Bengali Language models

What You See Is What You Learn: Mitigating Gender Bias in Natural Language Data by Encrypted Gender Training*‡ [draft]
- ⊕ Gender debiasing LM's in 4 steps: Gender Encryption, Training, Generation, Gender Decryption
- ⊕ Technologies: NER, Char-LSTM, Coreference Resolution, GPT2 Language Model
- ⊕ Supervised by: Dr. Md. Monirul Islam, CSE, BUET & Nazmus Saquib, MIT Media Lab.

BengaliBERT‡
- ⊕ A BERT base model trained with 18GB Bengali corpus
- ⊕ Question Answering, NER, POS, Natural Language Inference, benchmark datasets and results

NMT for Endangered Indigenous Languages in Bangladesh*
- ⊕ Voluntary research with non-profit organization "Beyond The Hills" to break the language barrier between mainstream Bangladeshi people and indigenous minorities in Bangladesh.
- ⊕ Building NMT models for Chakma Language that has parallel in few thousands.

* Project Lead   ‡ Research Initiator

Projects

GenderViz: Visualize Gender Interactions from Text (2019)
- ⊕ Generating **Semantic Graph** of gender interaction from any given text.
- ⊕ Made with Character-LSTM gender classifier with 3 million Bangladeshi names
- ⊕ Named Entity Recognizer, Information Extraction, Semantic Triples

Game of Thrones Nudity Filter (2018)
- ⊕ Created nudity filter with **Tensorflow Object Detection API** so that my niece could watch GoT.
- ⊕ Trained with 1600 boundary boxed images for identifying 5 types of obscene parts.

Floater_fb (2016)
- ⊕ A small beautiful desktop UI to use Facebook that helps users to focuss.
- ⊕ L-2,T-1 Sessional Term Project. 700+ downloads. Received NSysS Software Project Award – 2016

Project VEX: Virtual Existence (2016)
- ⊕ You can remotely see and control a paintbrush with your hand gesture. At KolpoKoushol.

Professional Experience

Research Assistant (RA), Applied Machine Learning Lab, BUET   *Nov 2018 to Present*
- ⊕ Supervised by, Dr. Rifat Shahriyar, Dr. Anindya Iqbal
- ⊕ ML for source code: Source Code Summarization/Synthesis/Search/Repair/Compression
- ⊕ NLP for Bengali: GPT2, BERT, Bengali-English NMT

Deep Learning Research Intern, Gaze Technologies   *Jun 2018 to Aug 2018*
- ⊕ Object Detection, License Plate Recognition
- ⊕ Tensorflow Object Detection API

R&D Intern, REVE Systems   *Mar 2018 to Jun 2018*
- ⊕ Optical Character Recognition
- ⊕ Industry Standard Coding Practices

Cofounder and CEO, Bizzy Ltd.   *Dec 2016 to Jul 2017*
- ⊕ BizzyBd started as an easy-to-use website building tool for non-programmer professionals.

Education

Incoming PhD in Computer Science (CS)
University of Rochester (NY)
- Starting from August (Fall) 2021
- Human Computer Interaction (HCI)

BSc. In Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ~ Oct 2018
- Thesis: Mythbusting Gender Stereotypes Using Natural Language Processing

Standardized Tests

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)
- Analytical Writing: 4.0, Verbal Reasoning: **154**, Quantitative Reasoning: **166**. **Total: 320**

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- Reading: **28**, Listening: **29**, Speaking: **24**, Writing: **24**. **Total: 105**

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python, Java, C, C++, JavaScript, MATLAB, HTML, SQL, MySQL, LaTeX, Arduino, AVR Programming.

Library/Framework/Others: Numpy, **Keras**, **PyTorch**, Tensorflow Object Detection API, Django, **OpenNMT**, **HuggingFace**, JQuery, Google SyntaxNet, Bootstrap.

Online Courses

- [Machine Learning](), Coursera.
- [Deep Learning Specialization](), Deeplearning.ai
- [Practical Deep Learning for Coders](), Fast.ai
- [Book] [Neural Network and Deep Learning](), Michael A. Nielsen
- [Partial] [CS224n: Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning](), Stanford University
- [Essence of Linear Algebra](), 3blue1brown

Blogs and Articles

Machine Learning:
- [Absolute Beginner's Guide to Machine Learning and Deep Learning]()
- [Setup and Run fast.ai in Amazon AWS]()

Graduate Admission:
- [How I got 4 Ph.D. offers in the US with a CGPA 2.79 — and what you can learn from it]()

Extracurricular Activities

- [I preach AI on YouTube!,]() also [physically]()
- Speaker at Bengali.AI Research Paper Weekly Webinar
- Volunteer at InclusionX at EMK Center, Dhaka
- Taekwondo at BUET Self Defence Club
- Volunteer, EducationUSA at American Center, Dhaka (2013-2015)
- Participant, [KolpoKoushol Workshop]() (supervised by. Nazmus Saquib, MIT Media Lab), 2015, 2016
- Former Vice President, ESKAP (Ex-students association of Kalia Pilot high school) 2013-2015