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SUMMARY

Research & Industry Experience: 5+ years of experience on building state-of-the-art ML algorithms with scalable and data-driven techniques.

Programming Languages: Python (Proficient), Java, Scala, Swift, Dart, Bash Script.

Libraries/Services: PyTorch/TensorFlow (Proficient), Spark, AWS, GCP, BigQuery, Hadoop, Keras, Scikit-learn.

EDUCATION

PhD in CS – University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

Sep. 2018 - Mar. 2023

 Research Focus and Interests: Debiasing Generative Networks, Recommender Systems, Multi-Modal Learning, Federated Learning, Scalable Machine Learning Algorithm

MS in CS – University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2021

· Coursework: Neural Networks/Pattern Recognition, Deep Learning for Sequences, Deep Unsupervised Learning, Computer Vision, Convex Optimization

BS in CS – Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

Apr. 2012 - Feb. 2017

• Coursework: Database, Operating System, Computer Networks, Software Development, Artificial Intelligence, Simulation and Modelling, Machine Learning, Pattern Recognition

EXPERIENCE

Adobe, Inc. San Jose, CA, USA

Research Scientist Apr. 2023 - Present

Responsible for improving the scalability of Sensei, an Adobe platform for running ML models.

The Home Depot Atlanta, GA, USA

Data Science Intern

Sep 2022 – Dec. 2022

• Subsequent Purchase Prediction: Improved the current model for subsequent purchase prediction by 1.5% by using an autoregressive model and sampled embedding loss which can further be used to generate synthetic datapoints, denoise training data and recommend new items using metadata embedding.

Adobe, Inc. San Jose, CA, USA

Research Scientist Intern

June 2022 - Sep. 2022

 Scalable Video Fingerprinting: Built a scalable, end-to-end pipeline using FAISS library that can trace a manipulated video in less than a second from a trusted database with millions of corpuses.

Adobe, Inc. San Jose, CA, USA

Computer Vision, Imaging & Video Intern

June 2021 – Sep. 2021

 Debiasing Image-to-Image Translation: Pretrained StyleGAN2 based networks show various biases in different image-to-image translation tasks (such as super-resolution, sketch-to-image, etc.). Mitigated this bias issue using contrastive learning and uniform sampling of minority attributes [Pdf].

Adobe, Inc. San Jose, CA, USA

Data Science Intern

June 2020 - Sep. 2020

• Bias Detection and Mitigation: Identified the bias issue in the image results for search queries, proposed a way to audit. In addition, proposed an attribute-controlled style-based generator to create new content to mitigate such biases and enrich user experience [Pdf].

Etsy, Inc. New York, NY, USA

Data Science Intern

attention to it for next item prediction (improved recommendations by 5%) [Pdf].

June 2019 - Sep. 2019 • Intent Detection for Recommendation: Captured users' hidden intents (i.e. explore, purchase) from their interactions by designing a hierarchical Transformer model. It first discovers the intent and then pays

Graduate Student Researcher

Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2023

- **Dynamic Convolution:** Built an adaptive convolution network which changes its kernel dynamically depending on the current input (~10% better recommendations, accepted in **CIKM 2020**) [Pdf] [Code].
- Visual Commonsense Reasoning: Enforced reasoning for ans. prediction on VCR by building a differentiable module which jointly trains ans. and rationale prediction (performed better in leaderboard) [Pdf] [Code].
- **CNN for Sequences:** Improved the scalability of sequential recommender methods by modelling a scalable depth-wise separable 1D convolution neural network (requires ~30% less memory) [Pdf].
- Rationale Generation: Tasked state-of-the-art Visual Question Answering model (ViLBERT) with rationale generation (using GPT-2) to interpret/justify answer prediction. It improves accuracy by 1.5% as well [Pdf].

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall'19,'20, Winter'20,'22, Spring'20,'21

• Neural Networks/Pattern Recognition: Designed and assessed assignments on DNN, CNN (Image Segmentations), and RNN/LSTM (Image Captioning). Responsible for mentoring deep learning projects.

BUET Dhaka, Bangladesh

Research Assistant

Oct. 2017 - Aug. 2018

- Scalable Machine Learning: Improved the scalability of PCA for large datasets (up to 83× better performance) using sketching technique [Pdf] [Code].
- **Distributed Algorithm Design/Federated Learning:** Extended both Spark and Hadoop for creating geodistributed clusters in AWS and designed geo-distributed algorithms for higher dimension data [Code].

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Md Mehrab Tanjim, K.K. Singh, K. Kafle, R. Sinha, G.W. Cottrell, "Debiasing Image-to-Image Translation Models", in the proceedings of British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), 2022 [Pdf].
- Md Mehrab Tanjim, K.K. Singh, K. Kafle, R. Sinha, G.W. Cottrell, "Discovering and Mitigating Biases in CLIP-based Text-to-Image Generation", in the workshop of Responsible Computer Vision at ECCV, 2022 [Pdf].
- Md Mehrab Tanjim, R. Sinha, K.K. Singh, S. Mahadevan, D. Arbour, M. Sinha, G.W. Cottrell, "Generating and Controlling Diversity in Image Search", in the proceedings of Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2022 [Pdf].
- T.M. Tariq Adnan, **Md Mehrab Tanjim** and Muhammad Abdullah Adnan, "Fast, Scalable and Geo-Distributed PCA for Big Data Analytics", *Elsevier Journal on Information Systems*, 2021 [Pdf] [Code].
- Md Mehrab Tanjim, C. Su, E. Benjamin, D. Hu, L. Hong and J. McAuley, "Attentive Sequential Models of Latent Intent for Next Item Recommendation", in the proceedings of the Web Conference (WWW), 2020 [Pdf].
- Md Mehrab Tanjim, Hammad A. Ayyubi, Garrison W. Cottrell, "DynamicRec: A Dynamic Convolutional Network for Next Item Recommendation", in the proceedings of the Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2020 [Pdf] [Code].
- Md Mehrab Tanjim and Muhammad Abdullah Adnan, "sSketch: A Scalable Sketching Technique for PCA in the Cloud", in the proceedings of Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), 2018 [Pdf] [Code].

REFERENCE

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