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Programming Languages

Matlab (primary), Python, basics of C++, Java, R

Deep Learning Tools

Keras, TensorFlow, Sci-Kit, Torch, etc.

Education

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (2023), Vanderbilt University,

MS in Electrical Engineering, (2020) Vanderbilt University, 3.76

BE in Electrical Engineering (2015), Jadavpur University, 8.5 (out of 10)

Teaching Experiences

Teaching Assistant at Vanderbilt University (2017-2019):

Courses: Introductory Programming (mainly Matlab); Digital Logic (Classroom and Lab); Circuits II (Lab)

Google Scholar ResearchGate

RELEVANT COURSES

Graduate: Intelligent Systems & Robotics; Detection & Estimation Theory; Systems Theory; Random Processes; Hybrid/Embedded System; Cyber-Physical Systems; Deep Learning; Intro to Reinforcement Learning; Machine Learning; Artificial Intelligence

Undergraduate: Control Systems Engineering; Advanced Control Theory; Computer and Control Engineering; Power Electronics

Career Objective

Current Ph.D. student and researcher at Vanderbilt University working on reachability-based verification of Deep Neural Networks and safety assurance. Looking for internship opportunities in the field of artificial neural networks and their applications, along with verification of deep learning models using formal verification methods and research problems related to their integration in Cyber Physical Systems (CPS); also interested in exploring the field utilizing available data patterns to better understand recent trends of the industries and in academic research.

Research Experience (2019-present)

Currently working as a graduate research assistant in <u>veriVITAL</u> lab in the <u>Institute for Software Integrated Systems (ISIS)</u> under **Prof. Taylor Johnson**. The lab's primary focus is to "develop formal verification techniques and tools for CPS, building on and advancing foundational results in formal methods, control theory, distributed systems, and real-time/embedded systems." The members of this lab developed a set-based reachability tool (<u>NNV</u>: **Neural network Verification**) using **MATLAB** for safety and robustness analysis of Neural Networks. As a part of the lab, collaborated on multiple research projects, including works published in conferences as

- Worked with a colleague on Star-based reachability analysis and helped to train networks in MATLAB with Satlin, Satlins, and leaky relu activation functions and analyzed them using NNV; co-authored a journal paper on FMAC 2021, based on the findings.
- Worked on reachability analysis of semantic segmentation networks with the same colleague and **published a Conference paper in CAV 2021**.
- Currently working on the application of NNV on regression-based networks and time series data with adversarial attacks, presented in the segment in SNR 2021, and an extended version is under review.
- Participated in a friendly competition for 'Verification of Neural Networks' (VNN) hosted along with CAV 2020 and CAV 2021 conferences.
- Helped Dr. Johnson review papers for several conferences: CAV, FORMATS, HSCC, ICCPS, ICCV, AAAI, etc.
- Part of Artifact Evaluation Committee for **FORMATS, CAV.**

Industry Experience (2015-17):

- Engineer-in-Training (Aug-Nov, 2015): 3 months international training program at the Rockwell Automation office, Shanghai, China.
- Project Engineer (May 2015 June 2017): CPG group at Rockwell Automation India Pvt. Ltd. Responsible for handling the workflow from the start of a project to the commissioning of the industrial programmable logic control systems (hardware and software) at the client site.
- EDG Summer Intern (May-Aug, 2022): Deep Learning Toolbox group at The Mathworks. Along with other researchers from the UK team, developed the toolbox for Neural Network Verification, which is partially deployed in the 2022b edition of MATLAB.