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Research Interests

Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Robotics

Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2023

M.S. in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0

Supported by Bay State Fellowship

Advisors: Bruno Castro da Silva, Eliot Moss, Hava Siegelmann

University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2021

B.S. in Computer Science, GPA: 3.974

Summa Cum Laude

Thesis: Machine Learning and Path Optimisation Algorithms for Autonomous Drones

CICS Outstanding Undergraduate Award ([link](#))

University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2021

B.S. in Computer Engineering, GPA: 3.974

Summa Cum Laude

Member of Commonwealth Honors College

ECE Award of Excellence ([link](#))

Capstone Honorable Mention ([link](#))

Honors and Grants

Dell Technologies Research Recognition Award

Oct. & Nov. 2023

Bay State Fellow, College of Information and Computer Science

May. '21 - May. '23

Award by MILA organizers of DARL@ICML: CAD 450

July 2022

CICS Outstanding Undergraduate Award ([link](#)): Highest award for CS undergraduates

May. 2021

ECE Award of Excellence ([link](#)): Highest award for ECE undergraduates

May. 2021

SDP Honorable Mention ([link](#)): Led team of 4 for capstone project

May. 2021

Commonwealth Honors Research Grant: \$ 1,000 (Highest of the year)

Sep. 2020

Dell Technologies Research Recognition Award

July. 2020

University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor's Award: \$ 14,000/year

May '17 - '21

Dean's List

2017 - 2021

Award for Excellence in Computer Science, Mathematics & Physics

May '15, May '17

Publications

Locally Constrained Representations in Reinforcement Learning 2024
Somjith Nath, Rushiv Arora, Samira Ebrahimi Kahou
Under Review at ICML 2024

A Search and Detection UAV System: from Design to Implementation 2023
Mohammadjavad Khosravi, Rushiv Arora, Saeede Enayati, Hossein Pishro-Nik
Accepted at IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering

On the Dynamics of Learning Time-Aware Behavior with Recurrent Neural Networks 2023
Peter Delmastro, Rushiv Arora, Terry Sejnowski, Hava Siegelmann
Under Review at ICML 2024

Model-Based Reinforcement Learning with SINDy 2022
Rushiv Arora, Eliot Moss, Bruno Castro da Silva
DARL Workshop @ The Thirty-ninth International Conference on Machine Learning

Deployment of a UAV-Based Fire Detection System 2022
Rushiv Arora, Mohammadjavad Khosravi, Saeede Enayati, Hossein Pishro-Nik
2023 IEEE 97th Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC2023-Spring)

In Preparation:

Hierarchical Universal Value Function Approximators 2024
Rushiv Arora, Ignacio Gavier, Eliot Moss
Preprint. To be submitted Spring 2024

Options for Multi-Task Reinforcement Learning 2024
Rushiv Arora, Aline Weber, Bruno Castro da Silva
Preprint. To be submitted Spring 2024

Research Experience

Office of the Global CTO @ Dell Technologies June, '22 - Present
Advanced Hardware + AI/ML Researcher
Full-Time (June '23 - Present) and Intern (June '22 - May '22)

- Advised by Michael Robillard
- Leading the Robotics Research for FY 24 Theme
- Leading Research on Large-Scale AI Systems
- Research also includes Generative AI and Real-Time AI Compute at the Edge

RL + Vision Lab @ MILA Sept. '23 - Present
Independent External Collaborator

- Advised by Professor Samira Ebrahimi Kahou
- Research on Representation Learning and Reinforcement Learning

Autonomous Learning Lab @ UMass Amherst CICS*Jan. '22 - May '23**Master's Thesis and Independent Study*

- Advised by Professor Bruno Castro da Silva
- Master's Thesis: Multi-task option learning
- Independent Study: Options for Early Life

BiNDS Lab @ UMass Amherst CICS*Jan. '21 - Sept. 2023**Graduate Research Assistant and Independent Study*

- Advised by Professors Hava Siegelmann & Terrence Sejnowski
- Temporal Aspects of Machine Intelligence, and Memory Models
- Part of TAMI project under DARPA

Office of the Global CTO - OCTO Research @ Dell Technologies*Jun. '22 - May '23**Advanced Hardware (MA, USA) and Reinforcement Learning (Brazil) Research Intern*

- Advised by Mike Robillard, Trevor Conn, Romulo Pinho
- Topics: Intelligent Functional Edge & Reinforcement Learning for Digital Twin

College of Engineering, UMass Amherst*Mar. '19 - May '21**Undergraduate Researcher*

- Advised by Professor Hossein Pishro-Nik
- Thesis/Project: Machine Learning, Autonomous Drones, Algorithms for Autonomy

Office of the Global CTO - OCTO Research @ Dell Technologies*Jun. '20 - Jul '20**Advanced Hardware Research Intern*

- Advised by Michael Healy, Mike Robillard
- Project I: Research oneAPI and Heterogeneous Computing
- Project II: Self-driving cars on Edge
- Project III: Benchmarking Edge Machine Learning performance

Non-Research Work Experience

CICS Advising Center, UMass Amherst*Sep. '19 - May '21**Academic Peer Advisor*

- Advised by Alicia Clemente, Laura Melbin

New York Stem Cell Foundation Research Institute*Jun. '19 - Aug. '19**Software Engineering Intern*

- Advised by Sean DesMarteau, Daniel Paull
- Projects: Code Migration and Web Applications for Array Team

Teaching Experience

CICS, UMass Amherst*Fall '21 - Present**Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- CS 390A: Machine Learning - Head TA (Spring 2022)
- CS 383: Artificial Intelligence - TA (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

M5 ECE Makerspace, UMass Amherst

Fall '18, Fall '19

Undergraduate Instructional Assistant

- Advised by Professor Baird Soules
- Primary Responsibilities: Supervising Design Projects, Planning Labs, Teaching Content.

CICS, UMass Amherst

Spring '19

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Course: CS 220 - Programming Methodology
- Primary Responsibilities: Holding Office hours, Proctoring and Grading

Leadership Experience

Capstone Project, UMass Amherst

Aug. '20 - May '21

Team Leader

- Advised by Professor Dennis Goeckel
- Primary Responsibilities: Responsible for technical integration and making all technical decisions. Working on Cloud, Bluetooth, and Hardware aspects of the project. Overseeing PCB Design.

Service

IEEE T-ASE - Reviewer (Multi-Robot)

2023

IEEE TVT - Reviewer (Reinforcement Learning)

2022

UMass CICS College Outstanding Teacher Award Committee

2021

UMass Commencement Speaker Selection Committee

2021

Relevant Coursework

Graduate Courses: Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Neural Networks and NeuroDynamics, Natural Language Processing, Algorithms in Data Science, Research Methods in Empirical Computer Science, Quantum Computing, Data Visualization and Exploration, Advanced Information Assurance

Undergraduate Courses: Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms, Introduction to Computation, Computer Architecture, Security Engineering, Systems and Networking, Embedded System I & II

References

Professor Bruno Castro da Silva

Assistant Professor, Co-Director of the Autonomous Learning Lab
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Professor Eliot Moss

Professor Emeritus, Graduate Program Director
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Professor William Leonard

Undergraduate Program Director, UMass Amherst College of Engineering
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Michael Robillard

Senior Director/Senior Distinguished Engineer, Dell Technologies
Michael.Robillard@dell.com, (508) 335-9543

Mike Healy

Senior Principal Engineer Technologist-Distinguished Member, Dell Technologies
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Skills

Programming	Python, Java, Javascript, C, C++, Matlab, Obj-C, Swift, & counting
Machine Learning Frameworks	TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, Caffe, Keras, Theano
Heterogeneous Computing	SYCL, Data Parallel C++, Intel oneAPI, CUDA
Microprocessors/Microcontrollers	x86, ARM, AVR, NIOS, RPi
Software Development	Angular, React, ExpressJS, NodeJS, .net, iOS Swift/SwiftUI, Postman
Cloud Computing	AWS, Microsoft Azure
Engineering Tools	Qiskit, PSPICE, Altium, Verilog
Version Control	Git
Miscellaneous	Public Speaking, Communication, Presenting

Adventure Interests/Hobbies

NAUI Certified Advanced Scuba Diver

License: FRCB4R1

SkyDiving Certification (In Progress)

Preliminary Jumps: Banff AB, Niagara ON and Orange MA

Amateur Broadway Enthusiast**Live Music Enthusiast**