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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Natural Language Processing in Low-Resource Settings
- Multilingual and Cross-Lingual Natural Language Processing
- Human AI and Human Computer Interaction

EDUCATION

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Apr 2019 – July 2024

B.Sc in Computer Science and Engineering

- **CGPA:** 3.92 on a scale of 4.00
- **Position:** Ranked 18th in a class of 123 students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Effective Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Open Domain Question Answering in Bengali [[Manuscript ready for submission](#)]

May 2023 – Present

- Developed the first-ever Bengali **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)** pipeline and benchmarked two Bengali open-domain question-answering datasets (**SQuAD BN** and **BanglaRQA**) using six state-of-the-art embedding models and three retrieval methods, encompassing both sparse and dense approaches.
- Evaluated the performance of three LLMs' response with and without our RAG pipeline.
- Analyzed LLMs' factual response capabilities on Bengali-region specific data in comparison to global data.
- **Tools and Technology:** Python (LlamaIndex, Ragatulle), OpenAI GPT API, Gemini API, Huggingface
- **Supervisor:** [Dr. Rifat Shahriyar, CSE, BUET](#), [Abhik Bhattacharjee, GRA, BUET](#)

Multi-ToM: Evaluating Multilingual Theory of Mind Capabilities in Large Language Models [[Preprint Available](#)]

Aug 2024 – Present

- Presented a multilingual ToM dataset translated from a bilingual version, covering seven major languages, and develop an additional culturally nuanced dataset.
- Evaluated six state-of-the-art LLMs on both datasets to assess the impact of cultural relevance on their social reasoning abilities.
- Our analysis explored how LLM performance varies across different languages and cultural contexts.
- **Tools and Technology:** Python (Ollama, RAG), OpenAI GPT API, Kaggle
- **Supervisor:** [Dr. Rifat Shahriyar, CSE, BUET](#), [Abhik Bhattacharjee, GRA, BUET](#)

Reviving Inert Brains: Investigating Signal Processing and Memory Potential in Detached Goat Brains [[Manuscript ready for submission](#)]

Mar 2021 – Present

- Performed microcontroller interfacing, visualization, and regression analysis
- **Tools and Technology:** Arduino, Python
- **Supervisor:** [Dr. A. B. M. Alim Al Islam, Professor, CSE, BUET](#)

WORK EXPERIENCES

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology

Aug 2024 – Present

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of CSE

Course Instructor on:

- Signals and Linear Systems
- Operating System
- Object Oriented Programming Language

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology

Sept 2024 – Present

Research Assistant

- **Supervisor:** [Prof. Dr. Md. Mostofa Akbar](#)

ResTech-AI (USA-Based Software Company)

July 2024 – Sept 2024

Software Engineer - Generative AI

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C/C++, C#, Java, JavaScript, SQL, HTML/CSS, Bash, L^AT_EX
- **Libraries/Frameworks:** PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow, LangChain, Scikit-learn, LlamaIndex, Node.js
- **Tools/Platforms:** Docker, Git, Google Colab, kaggle, Visual Studio Code, Linux

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Bangla Handwritten Character Recognition Feb 2024

Python, Pytorch, Ultralytics YOLO, EfficientNet, Kaggle

- A machine learning project to detect bangla handwritten characters from a form fields images.
- Finetuned **YOLOv8** with **WTW dataset**
- Finetuned EfficientNet with **BanglaLekhaIsolated dataset** with **93.5%** accuracy.

Machine Learning Algorithms and Neural Network from Scratch Dec 2022

Python, Numpy, Scikit-learn, Pandas, Seaborn

- Implemented matrice transformation and image reconstruction using singular value decomposition
- Implemented adaboost algorithm with logistic regression, exploratory data analysis and preprocessing techniques
- Trained and evaluated a feed-forward neural network from scratch using only numpy
- Implemented PCA and clustering with expectation-maximization algorithm on gaussian mixture models

OCR Based CRVS Form Digitalization Sep 2023

Tesseract, ReactJS, NodeJS, PostgreSQL

- A web platform to process handwritten CRVS(Civil Registration and Vital Statistics) forms through OCR, facilitating accurate extraction, digitalization, and correction of information.
- Participated in box detection of various form fields and designing the front end.

Honors & AWARDS

- **Dean's List Award:** Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology **2019, 2021**
- **Student Research Poster Champion:** 8th NSysS 2021 Conference [\[Poster Link\]](#) **2021**
- **University Merit Scholarship:** Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology **2019, 2021**
- **Board Merit Scholarship:** Government of Bangladesh **2016 - 2023**

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES & VOLUNTARY WORKS

- **11th International Conference on Networking, Systems, and Security (NSysS)** **2024**
Organizer
- **BUET Cyber Security Club** **2023-2024**
Director (Logistics)
Organized national-level contests, hackathon and capture-the-flag competitions [\[Event Link\]](#)
- **Badhan, BUET Zone** **2019-2024**
Vice President of Panel 2024
Managed and developed an app consisting of 5,000 blood donors database, coordinated numerous blood donations, and have personally donated 11 times. [\[App Link\]](#)
- **Satyen Bose Science Club, BUET** **2022-2024**
Assistant General Secretary

NOTABLE COURSES

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| • Artificial Intelligence | • Machine Learning | • Computer Networks | • Numerical Methods |
| • Probability & Statistics | • Computer Architecture | • Operating Systems | • Discrete Mathematics |

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Rifat Shahriyar** **Email: rifat@cse.buet.ac.bd**
Professor, CSE, BUET [Thesis Advisor]
- **Dr. A. B. M. Alim Al Islam** **Email: alim_razi@cse.buet.ac.bd**
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