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Research Interests

Explainable AI; Computer Vision; Medical Imaging; Deep Learning; Causal Inference

Education

Boston University

Doctor of Philosophy, Electrical Engineering
Advisor(s): Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich

Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Jan 2023 – Present

University of Pittsburgh (Transferred to BU)

Doctor of Philosophy, Intelligent Systems
Advisor(s): Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

University of Florida

Master of Science, Computer Science, 3.88/4.00
Advisor: Dr. Mattia Prosperi

Gainesville, Florida, USA

Aug 2019 – May 2021

West Bengal University of Technology

Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science, 8.38/10.00

Kolkata, India

Aug, 2008 – June, 2012

Publications

Conference Proceedings

- Dividing and Conquering a BlackBox to a Mixture of Interpretable Models: Route, Interpret, Repeat***
Shantanu Ghosh, Ke Yu, Forough Arabshahi, Kayhan Batmanghelich
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023. [\[Paper\]](#)
- DR-VIDAL - Doubly Robust Variational Information-theoretic Deep Adversarial Learning for Counterfactual Prediction and Treatment Effect Estimation***
Shantanu Ghosh, Zheng Feng, Marco Salemi, Tianchen Lyu, Jiang Bian, Kevin Butler, Mattia Prosperi
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium, 2022 (oral). [\[Paper\]](#)
- Anatomy-Guided Weakly-Supervised Abnormality Localization in Chest X-rays***
Ke Yu, Shantanu Ghosh, Zhexiong Liu, Kayhan Batmanghelich
International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2022. [\[Paper\]](#)
- Causal AI with Real World Data: Do Statins Protect From Alzheimer's Disease Onset?***
Mattia Prosperi, Shantanu Ghosh, Zhaoyi Chen, Marco Salemi, Tianchen Lyu, Jiang Bian
International Conference on Medical and Health Informatics (ICMHI), 2021. [\[Paper\]](#)

Journal Articles

- Propensity Score Synthetic Augmentation Matching using Generative Adversarial Net-***

works (PSSAM-GAN)

Shantanu Ghosh, Christina Boucher, Jiang Bian, Mattia Prosperi

Journal of Computer Methods and Programs in Bio-medicine Update, 2021 [\[Paper\]](#)

2. Deep Propensity Network using a Sparse Autoencoder for Estimation of Treatment Effects

Shantanu Ghosh, Jiang Bian, Yi Guo, Mattia Prosperi

Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association ([JAMIA](#)), 2021 [\[Paper\]](#)

Research Experience

Batman Lab.....

Graduate Research Assistant

Boston, Massachusetts

Boston University

Jan 2022 – Present

- **Advisor(s):** Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich
- **Research Area:** Explainable AI; Causal Inference; Computer Vision; Medical Imaging.
- Continuing my research from the University of Pittsburgh. We apply the mixture of interpretable models on a real-world Chest-X-Ray dataset – MIMIC-CXR to (1) eliminate the problem of class imbalance; (2) use the interpretable models for efficient transfer learning by fine-tuning them in an unseen domain. [\[Under Review\]](#)

Batman Lab.....

Graduate Student Researcher

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

University of Pittsburgh

August 2021 – December 2022

- **Advisor(s):** Dr. Kayhan Batmanghelich
- **Research Area:** Explainable AI; Causal Inference; Computer Vision; Medical Imaging.
- Introduced a novel iterative algorithm to carve out a mixture of interpretable models from a Blackbox, each specializing in a different subset of data to provide instance-specific First-order logic (FOL) based explanations using human-understandable concepts. Also, we utilized our method to detect shortcut (biased) concepts from the Blackbox and iteratively remove them from the representation of the Blackbox to make it robust. **Accepted at ICML, 2023.**
- Developed an attention model to leverage the anatomical landmarks (weak labels) from **Stanford RadGraph NLP pipeline** to detect Pneumonia and Pneumothorax from **MIMIC-CXR** dataset. Also, designed the baseline using **RetinaNet**. **Accepted at MICCAI, 2022.**
- Investigated why pruning strategies using **lottery ticket hypothesis** works or fails in terms of explainability metrics – **Concept activation vectors (TCAV)** for global concepts and saliency maps like **Grad-CAM**, **Integrated-Gradient** for pixel attributions. [\[Code\]](#) [\[Report\]](#)

Florida Institute for Cybersecurity Research (FICS).....

Graduate Research Assistant

Gainesville, Florida

University of Florida

March 2021 – May 2021

- **Advisor(s):** Dr. Kevin Butler, Dr. Mattia Prosperi
- **Research Area:** Causal Inference, Deep Learning.
- Developed a novel deep learning framework to (1) generate the counterfactual outcomes based on treatment using a Generative Adversarial Network with **information-theoretic** regularization; (2) utilized the counterfactual outcomes to estimate the individual treatment effect (ITE) using **doubly robust optimization** for faster convergence. **Accepted at AMIA Symposium (Oral), 2022.**

Data Intelligence Systems Lab (DISL).....

Graduate Research Assistant

Gainesville, Florida

University of Florida

Feb 2020 – Feb 2021

- **Advisor(s):** Dr. Mattia Prosperi, Dr. Jian Bian
- **Research Area:** Causal Inference, Deep Learning.
- Designed a novel algorithm using a Generative Adversarial Network to generate synthetic treated samples to remove imbalance within an observational dataset for **Propensity score matching**. **Accepted at Computer Methods and Programs in Bio-medicine Update.**
- Developed a **sparse autoencoder** to reduce the dimensionality of the covariates of the patients to calculate the **Propensity score** in an efficient way to estimate the average treatment effect (**ATE**) of the treatment. **Accepted at JAMIA.**

Industry Experience

Lexmark International India Pvt Ltd.....

Software Engineering Professional II

Kolkata, India

Oct 2016 – July 2019

- Developed the ISP component of the product **Publishing Platform for Retail(PPR)** using **C# .Net 4.5, Angular, HTML5** and **SQL Server**.

Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt Ltd.....

Associate, Projects

Kolkata, India

March 2013 – September 2016

- Developed WCF web services in the Contract First Approach to provide a secure communication channel between the different In-house applications using Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), C# .Net 4.5, Oracle Client 11g.

Skills

- **Languages.** Python, C/C++, Java, C#/.Net, Javascript/Typescript, HTML/CSS
- **Machine Learning.** TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn
- **Web Development.** Angular, Node.js, WCF
- **Database.** MySQL, Oracle 9i/10g, MS SQL Server, DB2

Graduate Courses

- Fundamentals of Machine Learning
- Machine Learning
- Advanced Machine Learning
- Deep Learning for Computer Graphics
- Causal Inference and Machine Learning
- Visual Learning and Recognition
- Mathematics for Intelligent Systems
- Fundamentals of Probability
- Numerical Optimization
- Analysis of Algorithms
- Advanced Data Structures

Honors & Awards

- Received the **Travel Award** to present my Master's research at *AMIA Symposium, 2022* at Washington DC.
- Received the **Achievement Award** of 4500 USD during the admission of graduate studies in the University of Florida in Fall 2019.
- Received the **Star Employee** award in Q4, 2013 and Q4, 2015 in Cognizant Technology Solutions.