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Education

M.S Computer Science
M.S Project: User Expertise Detection
in Online Communities
UC Santa Cruz | 2016-19

B.Tech. Computer Science
Bachelor Thesis: Temporal Scoping of
Facts in a Knowledge Base
Manipal Institute of Technology |
2011-15

Honors

Regents' Fellowship
UC Santa Cruz | 2016-17

Publications

Online Adspace Posts' Category
Classification
Dhawal Joharapurkar, Vaishak Salin,
Vishal Krishna
12th International Conference on
Natural Language Processing | 2015

Talks

From Big Text to Big Knowledge
SERC Open Day 2015
IISc, Bangalore | 2015

Teaching Exp.

Teaching Assistant [Evaluations]
CMPS5J, CMPS11, CMPS12A,
CMPS140, CSE184
UC Santa Cruz | 2017-19

Mentorship

Mentor [CruzHacks, 2020]
Upcoming mentor for CruzHack
projects
UC Santa Cruz | Jan, 2020

Work Experience

- Summer '19 Amazon.com Applied Scientist Intern
- Prediction of behavioral priors for item cold start problem using NN
- Replaced several GBDTs with a single multi-output NN that predicts behavioral priors
- Summer '18 Lam Research Intern
- Standardization of the Python development environment across business units
- Used NLP to augment existing ML systems by ingesting text from Lam Knowledge Documents.
- Summer '17 Chobanian Group Intern
- Expert identification in large delivery organizations
- Statistical Relational Learning approaches for expert identification
- Jun-Jan'16 Xerox Research Centre India Research Intern
- Analysis of clinical notes of ICU patients using Topic Models
- Created a plotting tool to highlight different statistics across classes
- Dec-May'15 Indian Institute of Science Project Trainee
- Temporal scoping and ordering of relations in a knowledge base
- Entity linking and disambiguation in large text corpora
- Summer '14 Indian Institute of Technology Intern
- Implemented DBSCAN algorithm to find traffic stoppage points and segmented roads based on their speed profiles
- Plotted the GPS points on Google Maps
- Summer '13 DataWeave Software Pvt. Ltd. Intern
- Created data crawlers using Python that aggregated and stored content in JSON dumps
- Made content available via APIs

Projects

- Jun-Dec'18 User Expertise Detection in Online Communities UC Santa Cruz
Identification of experts based on network topology, collaboration graphs and local features such as post strength, experience information, etc. Used StackExchange datasets and Probabilistic Soft Logic for inference.
- May-Jun'18 Survey On Data Programming UC Santa Cruz
Survey on the recent literature surrounding Data Programming.
- Spring'17 Effects of Social Influences on Culinary Preferences UC Santa Cruz
Modelled the influence of a friend network on the culinary choices of individuals. Predicted a person's favorite cuisine from social influences from their network and evaluated our model by comparing our predictions to the gold labels that are extracted from the text of the reviews in the Yelp dataset.
- Winter'17 Ideology-Backed Stance Classification UC Santa Cruz
Improved an approach on jointly-modeling disagreement and stance in online debate forums by integrating ideology as a latent variable in the joint model. Improvement of a few percentage points over the baselines set by prior works. Created a new ideology corpus of around 1.5 million tweets by 645 official members of the U.S. Congress.
- Past Older Projects
<https://dhawaljoh.github.io/2019/projects/>