Curriculum Vitae/Resume

Ankit Kumar Pal **Senior Research Engineer**

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Representation Learning on Graphs & NLP, Generative Large Language Models (LLMs), and their applications in Healthcare data, Federated learning, ASR & Audio Analysis

EDUCATION

Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow, India **May 2017**
Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science Engineering

- **Thesis**: Generative Modeling of Music Sequences with LSTM-based RNN Architecture

Anandi Devi S.V.M, Sitapur, India (ADSVM), Sitapur, India **April 2013**
12th - Board of High School and Intermediate Education U.P

- **Major**: Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics

EXPERIENCE

Saama Technologies, Chennai, India **May 2018 - Present**
Senior ML Research Engineer

Objective: *Develop Deep Learning/NLP methods and pipelines for clinical data, Lead research projects, and published findings in top ML conferences*

- **Adverse Event Prediction, 2018**: *FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)* Developed an RNN-LSTM model with Context-Aware Attention to extract pharmacological semantics from clinical notes, achieving 98% F1 score. Optimized character and word embeddings to enrich contextual representation. Enabled automated adverse event detection across 1M records.
- **Trial Plan Optimizer (TPO), 2018:** Designed an ML model using one of top-tier biopharmaceutical company's clinical trial data to predict site enrollment. Implemented a Python & Scala AutoML framework with TransmogrifAI. Utilized Categorical Embeddings and tree-based algorithms like XGBoost, LightGBM, and Random Forest to optimize predictions.
- **Unsupervised Medical Monitoring, 2019:** Conducted analysis of clinical trial data across SDTM domains to identify patient outliers. Leveraged historical patient data and unsupervised models like Autoencoders, Clustering(e.g. K-Means, DBSCAN), Isolation Forest, and One-Class SVM to optimize outlier detection. Implemented a human-in-the-loop process where users provide feedback on the quality of the model's responses. Based on human feedback, we collect data and retrain the model, ensuring that it handles distribution shifts and adheres to the latest medical protocols while following responsible AI ethics.
- **DeepMap ML Framework (SDTM Automap), 2020:** Developed an ML system to automatically generate CDISC SDTM mappings, incorporating Generative Adversarial Networks, Bidirectional LSTM with PubMed and BERT embeddings, and a 3-layer ELMo architecture for multi-task learning across clinical domains, achieving an average accuracy of 95% in mapping source raw data to SDTM standards.
- **Pharma Graph, 2021:** *Predictive Modeling of Drug Interactions using Graph Convolutional Networks* Built a NER model to extract pharmacological relationships from clinical text. Developed a Graph Convolutional Neural Network with attention mechanisms to model drugs as nodes and their interactions as edges, characterizing consequential effects caused by drug pair interactions.

- **Large Language Models for Healthcare Domain, 2022-** Worked on OpenBioLLM-70 and 8B, scoring better than GPT-4, Gemini, etc on the medical-LLM benchmark. Extracted clinical insights from raw medical documents and PDFs using Retrieval-Augmented Generation, Developed a Python library for prompt versioning and structured outputs, Generating protocol documents from minimal inputs, and Conducting Research to mitigate LLM hallucinations in the medical domain.

Prescience Decision Solutions, Bengaluru, India **Feb 2018 - May 2018**
Deep Learning Engineer

Objective: *Building a Multidimensional Deep Learning Model to Predict the Bitcoin Price*

- Worked on transfer learning, attention methods, and custom POS-Tag embeddings.
- Developed a custom Twitter API to extract Bitcoin-related tweets and performed LSTM-based sentiment analysis, incorporating the sentiment scores as a feature layer in the Bitcoin price prediction model to enhance data understanding.
- Deployed the code & APIs and built a Chat UI on top of it to interact with the model.

Fliptango Global Solutions, Kerala, India **Dec 2017 – Feb 2018**
Machine Learning Intern

Objective: *Design and implement an ML-driven e-commerce chatbot to optimize user interactions and enhance product recommendations*

- Used TensorFlow to leverage transfer learning and optimize models for specific tasks.
- Added new Commonsense Embeddings from ConceptNet Numberbatch to improve understanding of language.
- Followed BiLSTM-CNN-CRF paper closely to build a named entity recognition model in TensorFlow. Achieved 95% accuracy in the NER model, which was great for pulling out the key entities from user chats.

Selected Publications

Ankit Pal, Muru Selvakumar, Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Multi-label Text Classification using Attention-based Graph Neural Network. In Proc. ***ICAART, '20***. [Link]

Ankit Pal, Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Pay attention to the cough: Early diagnosis of COVID-19 using interpretable symptoms embeddings with cough sound signal processing. In ***ACM '21***. [Link]

Ankit Pal. CLIFT: Analysing Natural Distribution Shift on Question Answering Models in Clinical Domain. Poster in Robustness in Sequence Modeling Workshop ***NeurIPS, '22***. [Link]

Ankit Pal, Logesh Kumar Umapathi and Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. MedMCQA: A Large-scale Multi-Subject Multi-Choice Dataset for Medical domain Question Answering. In Proc. ***PMLR '22.*** [Link]

Madhura Josh*, **Ankit Pal***, and Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Federated learning for healthcare domain - pipeline, applications and challenges. In ***ACM '22.*** [Link].

Ankit Pal. DeepParliament: A Legal domain Benchmark & Dataset for Parliament Bills Prediction. In Proc. ***EMNLP '22.*** [Link]

Ankit Pal, Logesh Kumar Umapathi and Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Med-HALT: Medical Domain Hallucination Test for Large Language Models. In Proc. ***EMNLP Conll '23.*** [Link]

Ankit Pal, Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Exploring the Capabilities of Multimodal Large Language

*equal contribution

Models on Medical Challenge Problems & Hallucinations In Proc. ***NAACL, '23***. [Link]

Preprint Publications

Ankit Pal, and Pasquale Minervini and Andreas Geert Motzfeldt and Beatrice Alex. Open Medical-LLM Leaderboard. ***Huggingface, '23***. [Link]

Ankit Pal, Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. OpenBioLLMs: Advancing Open-Source Large Language Models for Healthcare and Life Sciences ***Under work, '24***. [Link]

Service

Reviewed Papers for NAACL 2024, NAACL 2023, Springer Nature 2021, IEEE Access 2021, IEEE Access 2022, IEEE Access 2024

Technical Skills

- **Programming:** Python, C language, Scala, Rust
- **Mobile and Web Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Cloud platforms:** Amazon web services, Google Cloud Platform, and Microsoft Azure
- **ML Tools:** PyTorch, Jax, Tensorflow, Keras, Scipy, Pandas, Numpy, DeepChem, LaTeX
- **DevOps and Workflow Tools:** Docker, MLFlow

Teaching Experience

- **Shala by IIT Bombay:** DL PI-2
  Graph Convolutional Networks for NLP & Knowledge graphs

Invited Talks

Robust Evaluation of Medical LLMs: Current Issues and Future Directions May, 2024
Edinburgh Clinical NLP Group, The University of Edinburgh

OpenBioLLMs: Advancing Large Language Models in Medical Domain May, 2024
Rajpurkar Lab, Harvard Medical School

Hallucinations in LLMs: Causes, Types, and Mitigation Techniques, India March, 2024
ICCCSP conference & SSN College, Chennai

Adapting Large language models to low resource languages, Lucknow, India Jan, 2024
Google Developer Group, India

Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning with Low-Rank Adaptation, Kanpur, India Dec, 2023
Google Developer Group, DevFest India

Fine-Tuning Open-Source LLMs: Best Practices, Lucknow, India Dec, 2023
Google Developer Group, DevFest India

MLOps: The Keystone of Sustainable AI, Coimbatore, India Jan, 2023
Gradient Optimizers Meetup

Federated Learning & Distributional Shift in Healthcare, Chennai, India Dec, 2022
Gradient Optimizers Meetup

AI in Law: A New Legal Era, Kangra, India Oct, 2021
District Court Kangra

Reasoning in LLMs Through Math Word Problems, Chennai, India Oct, 2020
ML Researchers Meetup

Graphs Neural Networks for NLP, IITB, India Jul, 2020
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Shala

Functional Programming: Journey to the Decorator World, Manipal, India Oct, 2017

Manipal Institute of Technology, MUPy

A Deep Dive into IP Addresses, Lucknow, India — July, 2015
Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow

Featured Open-Source Projects

LLMtuner — **Nov, 2023**
Python — *(200+ stars)*
- A module for Fine-Tune Llama, Whisper, and other LLMs with best practices like LoRA, QLoRA, through a sleek, scikit-learn-inspired interface

Promptify — **Jan, 2023**
Python and JavaScript — *(3k+ stars)*
- A module for prompt engineering and versioning, Enabling users to efficiently utilize the GPT and similar prompt-based models
  to get structured output for various NLP tasks, including NER, QA, Classification, etc
- Github Trending repository

Research Papers Search (Resp) — **Jul 15, 2022**
Python — *(300+ stars)*
- A module to Retrieves paper citations from Google Scholar
- Fetches relevant papers by keywords across sources like ACL, ACM, PMLR, etc.
- Extracts cough features including spectrograms, contiguous segments, and cough events, etc.
- Implements various ML and DL algorithms for respiratory audio analysis tasks including automated cough classification, clustering, anomaly detection, etc.

Honors and Awards

Best NLP Researcher — Oct, 2022
Saama Technologies, India

Shining Star for the Month Award — Nov, 2018
Saama Technologies, India

2nd prize in Technical and Robotics Exhibition — Jun, 2015
Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow, India

Positions of Responsibility

Founder, Open Life-Science AI [Link]. Dec, 2023 - Present

- Founded Open Life-Science AI, an open-source community dedicated to advancing Large Language Models (LLMs) development & integration in Healthcare.

Community Lead, Tensorflow Lucknow Group with Google [Link] Nov, 2023 - Present

- Lead Google AI events for knowledge sharing and networking.
- Guide workshops and discussions on TensorFlow/Jax/KerasNLP trends.
- Develop tutorials and guides for TensorFlow/Jax application.

Founder, Lucknow AI Labs [Link] Oct, 2023 - Present

- Spearheaded AI education programs in Tier 3 cities and villages across Uttar Pradesh for widespread AI literacy.
- Mentored AI startups and developing AI solutions for local challenges
- Working on building Multilingual large language and speech models for low-resource languages spoken in Uttar Pradesh, such as Awadhi and Magahi.

Founder, PromptsLab [Link] Dec, 2022 - Present

- Founded PromptLab, an open-source community dedicated to advancing Large Language Models (LLMs) development & integration into robust NLP pipelines.
- Developed open-source libraries like Promptify, and PromptifyJS to standardize workflow and reduce friction in consuming LLMs for production use cases.