# ABEER KHAN, Masters (Computer Science)

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#### **EDUCATION**

Master's in Computer Science, University of Waterloo, Sep 2017 - Aug 2019

- CGPA 87.75
- TA for Machine Learning, Database Management, Big Data Analytics
- Teach tutorials on Data Analytics | Guest lectured class of 15 graduate students on graph mining

# **Bachelor of Information Technology, IIIT-A**, Jul 2013 - Jun 2017

• CGPA 9.20, Dean's Merit List 2017

**Coursework:** Data Structures, Algorithms, Object Oriented Methods, Machine Learning, Data Cleaning, Artificial Intelligence, Data Mining & Warehousing

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Research assistant, Data Systems Lab,** University of Waterloo, Sep 2017 - Aug 2019 *Gendered Movements in Reddit* 

- Discovered gender issues being discussed by MensRights, Feminism with topic models.
- Discovered other interests people involved in these movements have with word embedding and Latent Semantic Analysis based methods

Gender Differences in Undergraduate Engineering

- Discovered differences in reasons, backgrounds of engineering applicants with machine learning (with Google's word2vec, Question Answering) and clustering (K-Means) in **Python**
- Presented at Waterloo Data Science and Engineering meetup with 90 attendees
- Selected for poster presentation at Canadian Celebration of Women in Computing-2018, recognized by Globe & Mail, CBC radio, published in Educational Data Mining-2018

Compact Group Discovery in Attributed Graphs

• Discovered compact communities in Github network (500K nodes, 8M edges), and DBLP network (of 1M nodes, 3.3M edges) with new clustering algorithm that extracts "interesting" groups in **Java** 

## Data Science Intern, Paderborn University, Germany, May - Jul 2016

• Collaborated with cylinder company to improve production quality by analysing cylinders dataset with different methods like Principal Component Analysis in **Python** 

#### **PROJECTS**

Gender Differences in Co-operative Education, Jan - Apr 2019

• Analyzed (numeric) performance evaluations, and supervisor feedback forms to discover gender differences in co-op experiences

Domain Pruning in HoloClean, Sep - Dec 2017

- Pruned away less likely values that could be assigned to an erroneous cell in a database to repair it using iterative regression, record linkage, association rule mining.
- Tested on <u>HoloClean</u>, an open source machine learning system to impute, clean, and enrich data *Mission Planning in Artificial Intelligence*, Jun 2016
- Formulated an algorithm to find best path to reach a set of ordered goals subject to randomness in being able to reach those goals using Genetic Algorithms in C++
- Improving algorithmic complexity from exponential to linear

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- **Khan, A**. (2019). Text Mining to Understand Gender Issues: Stories from The Red Pill, Men's Rights, and Feminism Movements (**Master's thesis**, University of Waterloo).
- Khan, A., Golab, L., Kargar, M., Szlichta, J., & Zihayat, M. (2019). Compact group discovery in attributed graphs and social networks. Information Processing & Management, 102054.
- Chopra, S., **Khan, A.**, Mirsafian, M., & Golab, L. (2019). Gender Differences in Science and Engineering: A Data Mining Approach. In EDBT/ICDT Workshops.
- Chopra, S., **Khan, A.**, Mirsafian, M., & Golab, L. (2019). Gender Differences in Work-Integrated Learning Assessments. Educational Data Mining.
- Chopra, S., Gautreau, H., **Khan, A.**, Mirsafian, M., & Golab, L. (2018). Gender Differences in Undergraduate Engineering Applicants: A Text Mining Approach. International Educational Data Mining Society.
- Kala, R., **Khan, A.**, Diksha, D., Shelly, S., & Sinha, S. (2018, July). Evolutionary Mission Planning. In 2018 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC) (pp. 1-8). IEEE.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Panelist for StarterHacks Women in Tech, Jan 2019
- Participated in Data for Good-Waterloo <u>datathon</u> to help local non profit analyze their data, Jun 2019
- Talk on "Solving Practical Problems with Research", Waterloo Mathematics Undergraduate Research Conference, Sep 2019
- Participated in Grace Hopper Open Source Day working with non profit Oppia, Oct 2018
- Social Coordinator, Treasurer of Math-Graduate Student Association during Masters, 2017
- Secretary of student welfare council during Bachelors, 2015
- Organiser of CodeShow coding contests for about 400 students during Bachelors, 2014

### **AWARDS**

- University of Waterloo Entrance Scholarship, 2017
- Recipient of SPDC merit scholarship for four years (\$4K) during Bachelors, 2013 2017