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Education

Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms (MILA)

PhD in Machine Learning, supervised by Aaron Courville

2017 - Present

Kharagpur, India

Montreal, Canada

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Integrated M.Sc. in Mathematics and Computing, CGPA (8.44/10)

2011 - 2016

Publications

• HoME: a Household Multimodal Environment (arxiv)

Simon Brodeur, Ethan Perez*, Ankesh Anand*, Florian Golemo*, Luca Celotti, Florian Strub, Jean Rouat, Hugo Larochelle, Aaron Courville International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) Workshop Track, 2018

• We used Neural Networks to Detect Clickbaits: You won't believe what happened Next! (arxiv)

Ankesh Anand, Tanmoy Chakraborty, Noseong Park European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR), 2017

• MMGAN: Manifold Matching Generative Adversarial Networks (arxiv) Noseong Park, Ankesh Anand, Joel Ruben Antony Moniz, Kookjin Lee, Tanmoy Chakraborty, Jaegul Choo, Hongkyu Park, Youngmin Kim International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2018

• FairScholar: Balancing Relevance and Diversity for Scientific Paper Recommendation Ankesh Anand, Tanmoy Chakraborty, Amitava Das European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR), 2017

Work Experience

VISA Inc.

Bangalore, India

Software Engineer

August 2016-August 2017

- Full stack development for the VISA Developer Platform

HackerEarth

Bangalore, India

Backend Engineering Intern

May-July 2015

- Developed a new problem recommendation engine for HackerEarth, built resume parsing services and a real-time notification system for end-users.

Google Summer of Code

Remote

Student Developer

May-August 2015

- Built an online analytics platform for BRL-CAD which provides aggregated analytics for logs and performance metrics collected across different machines and platforms.

Max Planck Institute for Software Systems

Kaiserslautern, Germany

Visiting Scholar, Large Scale Internet Systems Group

May-July 2014

 Worked with an incubated startup named AirCloak to build tools for anonymized aggregated analytics using noise augmentation and selective filtering.

Projects

• Deep Neural Networks for Detecting Clickbaits

Advisors: Prof. Noseong Park, UNC Charlotte

- Developed a Bi-directional LSTM architecture for detecting clickbaits using distributed word embeddings and character embeddings generated via 1-D Convolutional Neural Networks
- Experimental results on a dataset of news headlines show that our model outperforms existing techniques for clickbait detection with an accuracy of 0.98 and ROC-AUC of 0.99

• Adversarial Neural Cryptography in TensorFlow

https://github.com/ankeshan and/neural-cryptography-tensor flow

- Published the first open-source Tensorflow implementation of the Adversarial Neural Cryptography paper by Google Brain.
- Trained an Adversarial model based on Convolutional Neural Networks that allowed two neural networks to communicate secretly with each other in presence of an adversary.

• Predicting Helpfulness of online Product Reviews

Advisors: Prof. Pawan Goyal, IIT Kharagpur

- Used a combination of structural and semantic properties of text such as informativeness,
 readability, emotions etc. to predict helpfulness of online product reviews
- Trained an LSTM based Recurrent Neural Network over word embeddings of reviews to further improve accuracy of prediction results

Honors and Awards

- Hult Prize, 2015: Regional Finalist at the Hult Prize 2015 in Dubai: the worlds largest student competition for social entrepreneurship
- Penn Apps, 2016: Finalist at PennApps Spring 2016, America's largest collegiate hackathon.
- Inter IIT Tech Meet, 2015: Winner of the OpenSoft contest for developing an Android app that makes Information accessible to areas with low connectivity using Wifi P2P networks.
- Scholarships: Recipient of the NTSE (National Talent Search Examination) scholarship (2009-11) awarded by NCERT, India and the INSPIRE Scholarship (2012-16) awarded by the Department of Science and Technology India.

Technical Skills

- Programming Languages:
 - **Proficient:** Python, JavaScript, C++
 - Intermediate: Java, MATLAB
- Machine Learning Libraries: Keras, TensorFlow, Theano, scikit-learn, NLTK, Pandas
- Web Development: Django, Flask, NodeJS, ReactJS, HTML5, CSS3, MySQL