# ADITYA PARASHAR

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#### **EDUCATION**

## University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2023 - Present

MS, Computer Science

Courses: Advanced NLP & Probabilistic Graphical Models, Reinforcement Learning, Applied Information Retrieval

## Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Guwahati

2014 - 2018

B. Tech, Mechanical Engineering(Minor in Mathematics)

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Courses: Computational Fluid Dynamics, Scientific Computing, Mathematical Statistics

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Google Feb 2024 - Present

Graduate Student Researcher

- Implementing arithmetic sampling, an embarrassingly parallel strategy for generating highly diverse sequences from large language models.
- Evaluating this in conjunction with self-consistency based decoding for reasoning tasks and with minimum bayes risk decoding for machine translation tasks.

## Information Extraction and Synthesis Lab(IESL), UMass

Fall '23

Graduate Student researcher, Prof. Andrew Mccallum [submission under preparation]

- Developed a comprehensive framework for evaluating probability calibration techniques in zero-shot LLM inference, including an inverse consistency-based decoding-time strategy.
- Conducted extensive analysis using task-specific metrics to identify correlations between surface form competition and task performance, spanning a taxonomy of benchmarks and LLMs.

UMass BioNLP lab

June 2023 - Present

Graduate Student Researcher, Prof. Hong Yu [submission under preparation]

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- Engineered a USMLE question generation system using a **self-refining** LLM(GPT-3+) based framework.
- Incorporated in context learning using clinical notes and a question bank into the prompts. Integrated a self-feedback loop with fine-grained feedback rubrics for iterative improvement.

### Language Technology Research Centre, IIIT-Hyderabad

March 2022 - January 2023

Research Intern, with the guidance of Dr. Sukhada, IIT BHU

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- Worked on interlingua-based machine translation, involving the development of language-independent Universal Semantics Representation (USR) datasets for Hindi and Sanskrit by parsing multilingual data.
- Collaborated with linguists to develop algorithms for USR graph linearization, enhancing **model (MT5 and BART) performance** for sentence generation through finetuning.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

### Agility E Services, Hyderabad

July 2018 - Sept 2022

Software Engineer(Technology Specialist)

- **IPaaS:** Developed a scalable, multi-tenant cloud integration platform (**IPaaS**) for facilitating automated data integration between cloud and on-premises applications.
  - Implemented a Windows service for scheduling jobs within the IPaaS web studio, orchestrating its deployment through a customizable installer package for streamlined execution and management of jobs.
  - Engineered security protocols like role based access to the application, and secured Azure services like service bus, PostgreSQL server, and app services of the IPaaS using Microsoft Sentinel.

- **Procurement platform:** Worked on the development of an inventory purchase and order management web application in sync with a cross-functional agile team.
  - Migrated the application from monolithic to a distributed **microservices** architecture while incorporating the continuous integration and deployment (CI/CD) pipeline for reliability.
  - Implemented the command and query responsibility segregation (CQRS) design pattern to ensure scalability, synchronization and management of workloads.

### ACADEMIC PROJECTS

## Interpreting figurative language using prompting

Spring '23

Adv. NLP course project, Prof. Mohit Iyyer [under review at a \*CL conference]

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- Leveraged different prompting strategies to get better literal translations for figurative language texts, specifically Metaphor, Idiom, Simile and Sarcasm
- Used zero-shot prompting as our baseline and then tested few-shot prompting, instruction prompting and chain of thought prompting to compare performances across these strategies.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages ML & Dev Frameworks

Python, C# , Java, Typescript, Javascript, SQL numpy, Pytorch, Huggingface, Angular, .NET Core, Linux