Emaad Ahmed Manzoor

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University - H. John Heinz III College, USA

2016 -

Ph.D., Information Systems. Advisor: Leman Akoglu.

Stony Brook University, USA

2015 - 2016

Ph.D., Computer Science. Advisor: Leman Akoglu.

(transferred)

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia

2013 - 2015

M.S., Computer Science. Advisor: Panos Kalnis.

GPA: 3.96 / 4.0

Thesis: Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines.

Birla Institute of Technology and Science - Pilani, India

2008 - 2012

Bachelor of Engineering (Honors), Computer Science.

GPA: 8.17 / 10.0

Co-op host: Yahoo!, Bangalore, India.

Publications & Patents

Emaad Manzoor, Leman Akoglu. RUSH! Targeted Time-limited Coupons via Purchase Forecasts. KDD 2017. (applied data science track, top 85/396 submissions)

Emaad Manzoor, Sadegh M. Milajerdi, Leman Akoglu. Fast Memory-Efficient Anomaly Detection in Streaming Heterogenous Graphs. KDD 2016. (research track oral, top 70/784 submissions)

Emaad Ahmed Manzoor, Panos Kalnis. Method and apparatus for scheduling broadcasts in social networks. Filed February 2015. https://www.google.com/patents/W02016132332A1.

Emaad Ahmed Manzoor, Haewoon Kwak, Panos Kalnis. Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines. Unpublished manuscript, 2015. http://arxiv.org/abs/1610.06052.

AWARDS

• SBU Institute of Advanced Computational Science Young Writer's Award (\$500).	2016
• ACM SIGKDD Student Travel Award (\$750).	2016
• Stony Brook University Special CS Department Chair Fellowship (\$8,000).	2015
• Worldwide Top 100 (of 1720 teams), IEEE Xtreme 8.0 Programming Competition.	2015
• Best Mashery Hack, PennApps X, Philadelphia (sponsored by Intel).	2014
• International Travel Grant, PennApps X, Philadelphia (\$500).	2014
• King Abdullah University of Science and Technology Fellowship $(\$140,000)^1$.	2013
• Erasmus Mundus LCT Masters Scholarship (EUR 40,000) ² .	2013
• Employee Performance Bonus, Yahoo! (INR 35,000).	2012,2013
• Google Teaching Scholarship, BITS - Pilani, Goa Campus (INR 16,000) ³ .	2011

Research

Predicting Purchase Behavior from Financial Sensor Logs

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

- Novel "budgeted" point process to predict purchase times and categories.
- Model interpretability reveals patterns useful to digital and mobile coupon marketing strategists.

Detecting Anomalous Networks in Edge Streams

Aug 2015 – Aug 2016

- Online clustering-based anomaly detection on graph objects with node and edge types.
- Applied to real-time detection of malicious software behavior from system call log streams.

Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines

Jan 2014 - May 2015

- Quantified/measured the impact of "monotony aversion" on attention in social network timelines.
- Designed a broadcast scheduling algorithm to maximize the attention received under competition.

¹\$70,000/year for two years including tuition (\$35,000), health insurance (\$15,000), stipend (\$20,000) and housing.

²Declined. Category A scholarship: EUR 20,000/year for two years. Awarded to 4 international applicants.

³For the undergraduate Software Development for Portable Devices course taught by Prof. Mangesh Bedekar.

Industrial

Yahoo!, Bangalore. Software Engineer.

Jul 2012 - Aug 2013

EXPERIENCE

- Built (team of 4) a system for streaming "trending-topic" detection from user-generated content.
- (Full-Time) Large
 - Large impact within the company, improved over previous trend-detection latency by 600%.
 - Implemented with Apache Storm, Kafka, HBase and Java.

INDUSTRIAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

(Intern)

Max Planck Institute for Software Systems, Kaiserslautern. Research Intern. Summer 2017 Advised by Manuel Gomez-Rodriguez.

• Research on networks and machine learning.

Quantitative Engineering Design, San Francisco (remote). Research Intern. Summer 2015 Advised by cofounders William Wu (Ph.D., EE, Stanford) and Jiehua Chen (Ph.D., Statistics, Stanford).

- Designed and developed an online variant of a Bayesian model to predict financial fraud.
- Developed a reference implementation of Mondrian Forests (online random forests).
- Designed a distributed system architecture to enable online training of a classifier ensemble.

Oregon State University, Corvallis (remote). Google Summer of Code Intern. Summer 2014

- Designed and developed a REST service to enable IPMI operations over HTTP.
- Designed and developed an extensible, hierarchical CLI that delegates to the REST service.
- Design and implementation discussed at eyeshalfclosed.com/tags/#gsoc2014-ref.

Tachyon Technologies, Bangalore. Research Intern.

Summer 2012

Advised by cofounder and MIT TR35 awardee Ram Prakash Hanumanthappa.

- Developed a fast, simple and effective algorithm to de-warp photographs of flat book pages.
- Implemented an algorithm from the low-level vision literature to flatten color gradients.
- Applied algorithms to transform photos of comic book pages into web-ready digital comic panels.
- Packaged into an Android app interfacing with my code in MATLAB over a Python HTTP bridge.

Yahoo!, Bangalore. Software Engineer Intern.

Fall 2011

- Extended the "trending-topic" detection system to be centrally configurable and multi-threaded.
- Implemented a research prototype to detect geographically and demographically niche events.
- Offered and accepted a full-time position (top 3/14 interns from BITS Pilani University).

University of Massachusetts, Lowell (remote). MVHub Summer of Code Intern. Summer 2011

- Built a Debian package for MVHub, a directory of non-profit services.
- Wrote Perl scripts to automate building and updating the Debian package.
- Wrote a Launchpad recipe and set up a PPA to conveniently host and install the package from.

Teaching

- Programming Languages and Compiler Design. Course project design and grading. Spring 2012
- MIT Indian Mobile Initiative. Android development lab sessions and tutoring. Summer 2011
- Software Development for Portable Devices.

Spring 2011

SERVICE

- External reviewer for SocInfo, WWW, EuroSys, VLDBJ, CIKM.
- Organized TechFM, a weekly technical talk series at Yahoo! on math, science and technology.
- Frequent participant at Random Hacks of Kindness.

LANGUAGES

- Analysis: Python (preferred)
- Performance: C++ (preferred), Java (for distributed systems)

SELECTED	All slides available at http://speakerdeck.com/emaadmanzoor.		
Talks	Videos available at http://eyeshalfclosed.com/talks/.		
	• Fast Memory-efficient Anomaly Detection in Streaming Heterogenous Graphs.		
	- ACM SIGKDD Conference (research-track oral presentation).	Aug 2016	
	 CMU Database Group Seminar (hosted by Christos Faloutsos). 	Oct 2016	
	- RSA Laboratories (hosted by Zhou Li and Kevin Bowers).	Nov 2016	
	– CMU Statistical Networks Seminar (hosted by Cosma Shalizi).	Nov 2016	
	• Scheduling Broadcasts in a Network of Timelines. Masters Thesis Defense, KAUST.	$\mathbf{May}\ 2015$	
	- $Time$ -Inconsistent Planning. Info Cloud Research Group Seminar, KAUST.	May 2014	
	• Reviving Failed Classifiers with Random Forests. Tech talk at Yahoo!.	May 2013	
	• Building a Linux cluster with Beanstalkd. Tutorial at PyCon India.	Sep 2012	
Selected Graduate	All completed courses listed were awarded grades A- or higher. Fall 2017 courses are upcoming.		
Coursework	Economics		
	• Economining (Dokyun Lee, CMU)	Fall 2017	
	• Introduction to Econometric Theory (Edson Severnini, CMU)	Spring 2017	
	• Microeconomics (Brian Kovak, CMU)	Fall 2016	
	Statistics & Machine Learning		
	• Convex Optimization (Aarti Singh, CMU)	Fall 2017	
	• Advanced Introduction to Machine Learning (Barnabas Poczos, CMU)	Fall 2017	
	• Intermediate Statistics (Larry Wasserman, CMU)	Fall 2016	
	Computer Science		
	• Operating Systems (Michael Ferdman, Stony Brook University)	Fall 2015	
	• Theory of Database Systems (Fusheng Wang, Stony Brook University)	Fall 2015	
	• Artificial Intelligence (I.V. Ramakrishnan, Stony Brook University)	Fall 2015	
	• Computational Complexity (Antoine Vigneron, KAUST)	Fall 2014	
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• Probability and Random Processes (Mohammed-Slim Alouini, KAUST)

• Advanced Topics in Data Management (Panos Kalnis, KAUST)

• Computing Systems and Concurrency (Hany Ramadan, KAUST)

• Design and Analysis of Algorithms (Mikhael Moshkov, KAUST)

• Machine Learning (Xiangliang Zhang, KAUST)

• Data Analytics (Xin Gao, KAUST)

Fall 2014

Fall 2013

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Fall 2013

Spring 2013

Spring 2013