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Research Interests Multi-Task Learning, Deep Learning, and Reinforcement Learning

EDUCATION University of Michigan (UMich), Ann Arbor, MI USA

Sep'13 - Dec'18 MS-Ph.D Candidate, Electrical and Computer Engineering CGPA: 4.14/4.0

• Advisor: Dr. Clayton Scott

• Courses: Machine Learning, Sequential Decision Making (Reinforcement Learning), Image Processing, Methods in Optimization Statistics, Functional Analysis, High Dimensional Probability

• Graduate Student Instructor: EECS 545 Machine Learning (Fall 2016)

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H), India

Jul'09 - Jul'13 CGPA: 8.63/10.0

Bachelor of Technology with Honors, Electrical Engineering

• Courses: Mathematics behind Machine Learning, Image & Video Processing, Speech Signal Processing, Adaptive Signal Processing, Information Theory & Coding

Professional EXPERIENCE

Applied Scientist Intern, Microsoft AI & Research, Sunnyvale, CA, USA May'18 - Aug'18 Multi-Modal Learning & Reinforcement Learning

- Proposed and implemented Word2Vec variant of CDSSM algorithm to improve text embedding of a search query from click feedback. Currently, working on scalable implementation of the algorithm to handle millions of queries.
- Developed contextual bandits algorithms to better predict the click probability for Bing Ads platform.

May'16 - Aug'16 Research Intern, Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs, Cambridge, MA, USA Semisupervised Learning

- Proposed a distribution free, graph based approach for semisupervised transfer learning.
- Demonstrated that the additional information added in the form of unlabeled data improves prediction by 5.9% on the Parkinsons Telemonitoring dataset and can improve classification by 27.3% in synthetic manifold data as compared to standard transfer learning methods.

**Publications** 

Aniket Anand Deshmukh\*, Srinagesh Sharma\*, James Cutler, Mark Moldwin, Clayton Scott, "Simple Regret Minimization for Contextual Bandits." Under Review.

Gilles Blanchard, Aniket Anand Deshmukh, Urun Dogan, Clayton Scott, "Domain Generalization by Marginal Transfer Learning." Under Review at Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR).

Aniket Anand Deshmukh, Urun Dogan, Clayton Scott, "Multi-Task Learning for Contextual Bandits." Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) 2017.

Aniket Anand Deshmukh, Ankit Bansal, Akash Rastogi, "Domain2Vec: Deep Domain Generalization." https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.02919

Aniket Anand Deshmukh, Emil Laftchiev, "Semi Supervised Transfer Learning using Marginal Predictors." IEEE Data Science Workshop (DSW) 2018.

Aniket Anand Deshmukh, Srinagesh Sharma, James W Cutler, Clayton Scott, "Multi-class Domain Generalization." Limited Labelled Data: Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) Workshop 2017.

Aniket Anand Deshmukh\*, Aditya S. T.\*, M. Z. Ali Khan, "Input-Output Logic based Fault-Tolerant Design Technique for SRAM-based FPGAs." https://arxiv.org/abs/1311.0602

Posters

Aniket Anand Deshmukh, Srinagesh Sharma, Clayton Scott, James Cutler, Mark Moldwin, "Simple Regret Minimization for Contextual Bandits." The 2<sup>nd</sup> Midwest ML Symposium, Chicago, 2018 and The Michigan Institute for Data Science (MIDAS) Annual Symposium, 2018. Most Interesting Methodological Advancement Award.

**Aniket Anand Deshmukh**, Feng Wei, Clayton Scott, "Hyperparameter Selection for Multi-Armed Bandit Problems." The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Michigan Institute for Data Science Symposium, 2017.

**Aniket Anand Deshmukh**, Urun Dogan, Clayton Scott "Multi-Task Learning for Contextual Bandits." The 1<sup>st</sup> Midwest ML Symposium, Chicago, 2017. **Best Poster Award**.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Domain2Vec: Deep Domain Generalization

Jun'17 - Apr'18

Akash Rastogi, Ankit Bansal (UMich)

- Designed the neural network architecture to learn domain-specific embeddings.
- Improved the image classification accuracy to 70.82% on VLCS dataset which is 1.6% better than the best state of the art method.

# Machine Learning for crop yield prediction and maximization Cheruvu (UMich)

Jun'15 - Present

- Worked with an interdisciplinary team to help farmers in India to get soil nutrient recommendations based on soil test
- Analyzing the satellite imagery data of corn crop using CNN to predict the yield

### Multi-Task Learning for Contextual Bandits

Nov'15 - May'17

Dr. Urun Dogan (Microsoft Research), Dr. Clayton Scott (UMich)

- Devised and kernelized "Upper Confidence Bound" algorithm using multi-task learning for a contextual bandit problem.
- Established a corresponding regret bound and interpreted this bound to quantify the advantages of learning in the presence of high task (arm) similarity.

## Marginal Predictors for Transfer Learning

Aug'14 - May'16

Dr. Clayton Scott (UMich)

- Reduced the complexity of distribution-free, kernel-based domain generalization algorithm from  $O(n^2)$  to O(n) using kernel approximation technique and proved the upper bound on the approximation error.
- Outperformed the state of the art techniques in the three real-world datasets used.

OTHER
Projects

• Appl. of stochastic proximal gradient algorithm to sum of least squares, UMich	Aug'15 - Dec'15
• Convex multi-task learning using squared and hinge loss, UMich	Aug'14 - Dec'14
• Video copy detection by sparse coding, UMich	Jan'14 - Apr'14
• Video search using fingerprinting system, IIT-H	Jul'12 - Apr'13
• Audio search equipped with song recognition by humming, IIT-H	Jan'12 - Apr'13

#### SKILLS

Languages Python, Perl, C, Latex, HTML
Tools Azure Cosmos DB, TensorFlow, Keras, Matlab

#### HONORS

• EECS department fellowship, University of Michigan	Sep'14 - Apr'15
• Best project award in "Image & Video Processing" coursework, IIT-H	Aug'12 - Dec'12
• JENESYS scholarship (industrial visit to Japan)	May'10
$\bullet$ Top 1 % in India in the National Standard Examination in Physics	Mar'09
• All India rank 31 in the Science Olympiad, conducted by SOF	Mar'08

#### LEADERSHIP

• Co-ordinator, Statistical Machine Learning Reading Group, UMich	Sep'17 - Apr'18
• Science & Technology Secretary, Student Gymkhana, IIT-H	Mau'11 - Apr'12