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Education

Indian Institute of Technology Madras

B. Tech, Computer Science and Engineering; CGPA: 9.42

2018 - 2022Chennai, India

AECS Maaruthi Magnolia PU College

Department Of Pre-University Education, Karnataka; 96%

2016 - 2018Bangalore, India

2004 - 2016

National Public School, Rajajinagar

Bangalore, India

Central Board of Secondary Education; CGPA: 10

Research Projects

Tuning sentence-embeddings for high-recall IVFPQ search (ongoing) Professor Mitesh Khapra | Aug - Nov 2021

- Developed a method to improve bitext-mining recall when using approximate nearest-neighbour search on the IVFPQ indexing structure.
- Adapted an existing differentiable product quantisation formulation to create a differentiable formulation of IVFPQ quantisation that can output quantised representations and codes required for IVFPQ search and can also be trained e2e in a neural network.
- Devised a training paradigm that allows the model to optimise sentence embeddings it generates to make them more suitable for high-recall bitext mining (when using IVFPQ indexing).

Sample-specific attention-head masks in BERT models

Professor Prathyush Kumar | Feb - Apr 2021

- Performed experiments testing possible applications of trained sample-specific attention-head masks in BERT models.
- Developed a technique to detect adversarial inputs during test-time using their sample-specific masks using mask-inversion, layer-wise predictions, etc.
- Achieved accuracies of between 0.8055 and 0.9027 accuracy on adversarial input detection on four GLUE datasets.

Internships

Microsoft India (R&D) Pvt Ltd | C#, Python, Microsoft COSMOS, other internal tools

May - Jul 2021

- Created a troubleshooting-snippet disambiguation pipeline for Microsoft's Bing search-engine.
- The pipeline takes a set of solution snippets (scraped from various websites using existing Binq infrastructure) to a tech-related troubleshooting search query and filters it down to a set of semantically unique solutions for direct display on the Bing SERP.

Flutura Decision Sciences & Analytics | Python, TensorFlow, Keras

May - Jul 2020

- Developed computer vision models based on YOLOv4 and Retinanet.
- Created computer-vision products for multiple clients from scratch on problems including 1) autonomous defect detection in die-casted components, 2) autonomous cell-phone usage detection and 3) autonomous defect detection in printed circuit boards.

Professor Rupesh Nasre, IIT Madras | Kotlin, Android Studio

May - Jul 2020

- Researched, scripted and created multiple instructional videos on selected topics in parallel processing.
- Created an Android app from which the videos could be viewed.

Selected Course Projects

automated B/W portrait colorization (ongoing) | PyTorch

Professor Sukhendu Das | Sep - Nov 2021

• Creating a pipeline for converting B/W or sepia portrait photographs to color photographs using few training samples.

image2image translation | PyTorch

Professor Anurag Mittal | Dec - Jan 2021

• implemented, tested and benchmarked a unified framework proposed by a CVPR paper on Image to Image Translation for Domain Adaptation

 σ -promoter classification | PyTorch

Professor Manikandan Narayanan | Nov – Dec 2020

• augmented a SOTA model for σ-promoter classification in E. coli by introducing attention layers and residual connections to increase accuracy by 1.6%.

device driver $\mid C, RISC-V \mid$

Professor Chester Rebeiro | Nov – Dec 2020

- Wrote a UART device driver for ZephyrRTOS for the RISC-V Shakti E-class Parashu SOC.
- Performed testing on a physical SOC unit.

C compiler | C, x86 assembly, Lex, Yacc

Professor Rupesh Nasre | Jul - Nov 2020

- Wrote an compiler for a slightly stripped-down version of C using the tools Lex and Yacc.
- Wrote an LR(1) context free grammar for C and encoded it into Yacc, designed logic to carry out code generation and implemented 6 parse-tree level optimizations.

16-bit computer $\mid C++$

Professor V. Kamakoti | Jul - Nov 2019

- Created a functional computer with a simple 16 bit architecture (in a simulator) bottom-up using only NAND gates.
- Wrote an assembler, and a basic compiler for an LL(2) high-level language in C++.

Personal Projects

automated attendance system | TensorFlow, Keras

May - Jul 2020

- Created an autonomous attendance system pipeline for classrooms using the popular neural networks MTCNN and FaceNet.
- Wrote a KNN-like algorithm to match faces from a PTZ camera feed to personal identities using a database containing ~4 photographs each of students' faces.

process wallpaper | Python, Bash

Aug - Sep 2019

- Wrote a set of Python and bash scripts which periodically set the desktop wallpaper to a wordcloud of the most resource-intensive processes running.
- This project became semipopular on GitHub and was mentioned on an episode of a podcast called Linux Unplugged.

web development | React, Angular, nodeJS, Bash

• Worked on front-, and back-end development for the official website of Saarang 2020, the annual IIT Madras cultural fest.

miniprojects | Python

Oct - Jan 2020

- classic games Created clones of Snake and 2048.
- gp Created and implemented a personal multi-platform pseudorandom strong password generation scheme
- breaking-badify Wrote a script which creates images of input text using symbols from the periodic table.

Scholastic Achievements

- 2016 KVPY Secured All India Rank 108 in Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (SA)
- 2016 NTSE Secured National Talent Search scholarship
- 2015-18 Indian National Olympiads National Finalist in Computing/Informatics every year from 2015 to 2018, in Astronomy in 2017 & 2018 (State rank 1, National top 1%), Physics in 2018 (State rank 4, National top 1%) and Merit Certificate for State top 1% in Chemistry
 - 2017 National Mathematics Talent Contest Secured All India Rank 9 in Ramanujan contest
- 2016-17 Regional Mathematics Olympiad Selected for Indian National Mathematics Olympiad Training Camp

Relevant Coursework

computer science: Introduction to Programming (+ Lab); Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science; Programming and Data Structures (+ Lab); Foundations of Computer Systems Design (+ Lab); Languages, Machines and Computation; Design and Analysis of Algorithms; Computer Organisation and Architecture (+ Lab); Object-Oriented Algorithms Implementation and Analysis Lab; Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning; Compiler Design (+ Lab); Operating Systems (+ Lab); Paradigms of Programming: Algorithmic Approaches to Computational Biology: Foundations of Deep Learning: Reinforcement Learning; Statistical Foundations of Data Science; Computer Vision; Natural Language Processing mathematics: Multivariable Calculus; Series and Matrices; Basic Graph Theory; Probability, Stochastic Processes and

Statistics; Differential Equations; Linear Algebra online: Machine Learning; Neural Networks and Deep Learning; Improving Deep Neural Networks: Hyperparameter tuning, Regularization and Optimization; Structuring Machine Learning Projects; Convolutional Neural Networks; Sequence Models

Technical Skills

languages: C, C++, Python, Julia, JavaScript, Bash

software: Linux, Git, Docker, GNU Octave, LATEX, GIMP, Google Sketchup

development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, nodeJS, ReactJS, Angular

operating systems: Linux, Windows

Positions of Responsibility

Computer Vision and Intelligence Group

2019

Project Member

Developmental Operations Team, Saarang 2020

Coordinator

Indian Institute of Technology Madras 2013 - 2014

Computer Science Association

President

National Public School, Rajajinagar

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