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SUMMARY

My research focuses on machine learning and computer vision, with specific interests in Transfer Learning, Multimodal Learning, Explainable AI. Application-wise, currently, I am working on improving Few-shot Classification and Segmentation for applications in medical imaging and wildlife.

EDUCATION

• The Ohio State University

2021 - 2027(Expected)

Ph.D. and M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering, Advisor: Prof. Wei-Lun (Harry) Chao.

Columbus, OH

University of Dhaka
 B.Sc. in Software Engineering

2015 - 2019 Dhaka, Bangladesh

PUBLICATIONS

* DENOTES EQUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CO-FIRST AUTHORSHIP.

Conferences

- [C.1] Arpita Chowdhury, Dipanjyoti Paul, Zheda Mai, Jianyang Gu, Ziheng Zhang, Kazi Sajeed Mehrab, Elizabeth G Campolongo, Daniel Rubenstein, Charles V. Stewart, Anuj Karpatne, Tanya Berger-Wolf, Yu Su, Wei-Lun Chao. PROMPT-CAM: A Simpler Interpretable Transformer for Fine-Grained Analysis.

 Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2025.
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- [C.3] Zheda Mai*, Arpita Chowdhury*, Ping Zhang*, Cheng-Hao Tu, Hong-You Chen, Vardaan Pahuja, Tanya Berger-Wolf, Song Gao, Charles Steward, Yu Su, Wei-Lun Chao. Fine-Tuning is Fine, if Calibrated. *In Proceedings of the Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2024.
- [C.4] Dipanjyoti Paul, Arpita Chowdhury, Xinqi Xiong, Feng-Ju Chang, David Carlyn, Samuel Stevens, Kaiya Provost, Anuj Karpatne, Bryan Carstens, Daniel Rubenstein, Charles Stewart, Tanya Berger-Wolf, Yu Su, Wei-Lun Chao, A Simple Interpretable Transformer for Fine-Grained Image Classification and Analysis. In Proceedings of International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2024.
- [C.5] Jihyung Kil*, Zheda Mai*, Justin Lee, Arpita Chowdhury, Zihe Wang, Kerrie Cheng, Lemeng Wang, Ye Liu, Wei-Lun Chao. CompBench: A Comparative Reasoning Benchmark for Multimodal LLMs. In Proceedings of the Neural Information Processing Systems(NeurIPS), 2024

Under Review

[U.3] Zhenyang Feng, Zihe Wang, Saul Ibaven Bueno, ..., **Arpita Chowdhury**, ..., Wei-Lun Chao. Static Segmentation by Tracking: A Frustratingly Label-Efficient Approach to Fine-Grained Segmentation, 2024

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

• Samsung Research and Development Institute

January 2019 - August 2019

Backend Software Engineer, Full-time

Intern Software Engineer, Full-time

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Led the deployment, and maintenance of robust databases using Node.js and SQL, across multiple projects.
- Partnered closely with front-end teams delivering demos to showcase project advancements.
- Samsung Research and Development Institute

January 2018 - June 2018

• Engineered a secure, robust SQL Server database engine with Node.js.

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Donalas da Arabai 1 POD da tarra (arteria arramanta barabara)
- Developed an Android P2P chat app featuring movement-based gesture detection.

• Softcell Solution Limited

August 2016 - October 2016

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Software Requirements Engineer, Part-time

- Led weekly client meetings to ensure software requirements aligned with project goals.
- Translated functional and data requirements into detailed data flow diagrams, class, and data models.

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

• Computer Science & Engineering, The Ohio State University **Graduate Research Assistant**

May 2023 - Present Columbus, OH

Semester: Fall 2023

Semester: Summer 2023

Semester: Spring 2023

- The Ohio State University Medical Center
 - * Working on developing 2D detection and segmentation models for pancreas neoplasia (medical imaging)
 - * Working on developing Few-shot Video Object Segmentation models to enhance early detection of pancreatic cancer (medical imaging)
- Imageomics Institute
 - * Developed an algorithm to localize trait-specific regions in fine-grained classification.
 - * Working on models for trait tracking in fine-grained species classification. (wildlife)
 - * Working on language-guided models for fine-grained wildlife segmentation. (wildlife)

MENTORSHIP & TEACHING

Main Instructor, The Ohio State University

• CSE 2221: Software I: Software Components

Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University

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• Head Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University

CSE 2111: Modeling and Problem Solving with Spreadsheets and Databases

• Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University

CSE 3341: Principles of Programming Languages

Semester: Fall 2021

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, C++, JavaScript, Bash Script, R
- Machine Learning Tools: PyTorch, Huggingface, NumPy, Pandas, SciPy, scikit-learn
- Other Tools & Technologies: Git, Docker, SQL, Node.js, Android Development

SERVICE

• Conference Reviewer: CVPR, ICCV, AAAI