

# Md Asifur Rahman

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## Education

- Jan/2022 **Master of Science in Computer Science,**  
to Wake Forest University, North Carolina, USA,  
Dec/2023 **Dissertation title:** *Task-Agnostic Safe Reinforcement Learning* .  
(Expected)
- Feb/2012 **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Engineering,**  
to Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET), Bangladesh,  
Oct/2016 **CGPA:** 3.74 out of 4.00 (Position: 4th out of 56)  
**Dissertation title:** *An adaptive background modeling based on modified running Gaussian average method* .

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## Professional Experience

- Jan/2022 **Graduate Research Assistant,**  
to Wake Forest University, North Carolina, USA,  
Present **Supervisor:** Dr. Sarra Alqahtani.
- May/2022 **Test Engineering Intern,**  
to Qorvo, Greensboro, USA ,  
Aug/2022 **Manager:** Lance Bennett.
- May/2021 **Assistant Professor (Currently on study leave),**  
to Department of Computer Science,  
Dec/2021 Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET),  
Rajshahi, Bangladesh.
- July/2017 **Lecturer,**  
to Department of Computer Science,  
May/2021 Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET),  
Rajshahi, Bangladesh.
- Jan/2017 **Lecturer,**  
to Department of Software Engineering,  
April/2021 Daffodil International University (DIU),  
Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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## Research Interest

Safe Reinforcement Learning, explainable Reinforcement Learning (XRL), explainable AI (XAI), ML Stability & Fairness

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## Publications

- 2023 **Md Asifur Rahman**, Tongtong Liu, Sarra Alqahtani "Adversarial Behavioral Exclusion for Safe Reinforcement Learning", *32nd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2023)*.
- 2023 Tongtong Liu, Joe McCalmon, Thai Le, **Md Asifur Rahman**, Dongwon Lee, Sarra Alqahtani "A novel policy-graph approach with natural language and counterfactual abstractions for explaining reinforcement learning agents Authors", *Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems* .

- 2022 Tongtong Liu, Joe McCalmon , **Md Asifur Rahman**, Cameron Lischke, Talal Halabi , Sarra Alqahtani "Weaponizing Actions in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning: Theoretical and Empirical Study on Security and Robustness", *International Conference on Principles and Practice of Multi-Agent Systems (PRIMA 2022)*.
- 2022 Bodrunnessa Badhon, Mir Md. Jahangir Kabir , **Md Asifur Rahman**, Shuxiang Xu "SQ-FMFO: A Novel Scalarized Multi-Objective Q-Learning Approach for Fuzzy Membership Function Optimization", *International Journal of Fuzzy Systems*.
- 2022 Cameron Lischke, Tongtong Liu, Joe McCalmon , **Md Asifur Rahman**, Talal Halabi , Sarra Alqahtani "LSTM-Based Anomalous Behavior Detection in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning", *International Conference on Cyber Security and Resilience (CSR)*.
- 2021 Apu Chandraw Shill, **Md Asifur Rahman**, "Plant Disease Detection Based on YOLOv3 and YOLOv4", *International Conference on Automation, Control and Mechatronics for Industry 4.0 (ACMI 2021)*.
- 2017 **Md Asifur Rahman**, Boshir Ahmed, Md Ali Hossian, and Md Nazrul Islam Mondal, "An adaptive background modeling based on modified running gaussian average method", *International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE)*.

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## Skills

**Programming Language:** Python, C, C++, Java, Swift 2, Javascript, PHP

**Tech/Tools:**

PyTorch, Tensorflow, SciPy, Scikit-learn, Numpy, Pandas, Keras, RLLib, Ray Tune, W&B, Open MPI, Regex, Git, Bootstrap, Django, Laravel, API, AWS, cPanel, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Matlab, Smartsheet, MS Office Applications, Jira, Figma, Mural, Balsamiq, Qualtrics

**Operating System:**

OSx, Linux, Windows, Ubuntu

**Database:**

SQL, MySQL, MongoDB

**Data Mining/ML:**

Regression, Classification, Parallel-SGD, Exploratory Data Analysis, Clustering, Association Rule Mining

**Deep Learning:**

Deep Neural Network, Convolutional neural network, Generative Network, Transformer Model

**Reinforcement Learning:**

Single and Multi-agent systems (MDP, CMDP, POMDP, IMDP), Safe Reinforcement Learning, Multi-armed bandits, Contextual Bandits, Behavior Cloning, Inverse Reinforcement Learning

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Projects ( asifurrahman1)

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## Review Activities

- 2023 PC member, Thirty-Eighth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-24)

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## Leadership Experience

- 2020-2021 Thesis supervision of Apu Chandraw Shill
- 2018 to 2021 Focal Point of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, RUET.
- 2018 to 2021 Assistant Director, Mobile Games and Application Development Lab, RUET.
- 2017 to 2021 Course Advisor of 62 Undergraduate Student.
- 2017 to 2021 Treasurer, Dhaka Nibash Somiti (Community Organization), RUET, Bangladesh.

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## Referees

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