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EDUCATION

Silpakorn University

May 2016 - March 2019

Science Classroom in University-Affiliated School (SCiUS, High school)

Nakhon Pathom, Thailand

- Graduating project: *The study of relation of some factors from Wi-Fi signal and security of Wi-Fi using data mining technique*

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

September 2020 - May 2024

B.S. in Data Science (With Distinction)

Worcester, MA

- Graduating projects:
 - *Exploring end-to-end sequence to sequence ensemble model for predicting RNA secondary structure*
 - *Westborough high school mental health predictive analyses*

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

September 2023 - May 2024

M.S. in Data Science

Worcester, MA

- Graduating project: *Unable to disclose due to NDA*

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

August 2024 - Present

Ph.D. in Data Science and Engineering

Knoxville, TN

- Dissertation: *TBD*

PUBLICATIONS

1. Aswale, A., Lopez, A., Ammartayakun, A. and Pincioli, C., 2022. Hacking the Colony: On the Disruptive Effect of Misleading Pheromone and How to Defend Against It. In: *21st International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS 2022)*. IFAAMAS.
2. Busaranuvong, P., Ammartayakun, A., Korkin, D., and Khosravi-Far, R., 2023. Graph Convolutional Network for Predicting Secondary Structure of RNA. Preprint

PROJECTS

Adversarial News Propagation

January 2022 - May 2022

OIE 4430 Advanced Prescriptive Analytics

WPI

- Objective: *Investigate competitive cascading behaviors of two types of information within networks. Aimed to maximize the expected edge spreading, deviating from traditional information cascade models which may not reflect true network behaviors.*
 - Utilized the Erdős–Rényi model for network generation and adopted a stochastic programming approach influenced by influence maximization techniques.
 - Estimated probability measures via a strategy resembling reinforcement learning: setting a random policy and game exploration.
 - Conducted network pruning at $k\%$ winning probability to eliminate unfavorable edges and transformed the task into a max-flow problem.
 - Simplified the original stochastic programming problem into a more tractable max-flow problem.

News Title Generation

August 2021 - December 2021

DS 595 Special Topics In Data Science: Natural Language Processing

WPI

Objective: Advance document summarization techniques by leveraging BERT, T4, and PEGASUS models, aiming to produce concise and accurate news titles.

- Fine-tuned on the NYT dataset.
- Implemented a generative adversarial network approach, treating BERT, T4, and PEGASUS as generators. These models were fine-tuned using a discriminator, with samples drawn from the NYT dataset.
- Benchmarked this method against conventional fine-tuning techniques. Results shows that it is not much difference comparing conventional fine-tuning or not fine-tuning at all.

“Linear” Variational Autoencoder: Why One Should And Should Not Use Linear Models As Generative Model

December 2023

MA 554 Applied Multivariate Analysis

WPI

Objective: Explore using linear models rather than neural networks for generative modeling to leverage computational simplicity.

- Implement a linear autoencoder with PCA for encoding and multivariate regression for decoding, showing theoretically that reconstructions are limited to the principal component span.
- Enhance decoder through variational inference (VI) on regression parameters to try improving expressiveness.
- Evaluate the combination of PCA and Bayesian MMLR on the MNIST dataset, finding it generates realistic images and comparable performance to conditioned VAE.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages	Python, R, C, C++, MATLAB, LaTeX
Software	Microsoft Office, Oracle Database, Argos
Tools	Microcontrollers, Robotics (Khepera IV, VEX)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant

September 2022 - December 2022

CS 525/DS 595 Reinforcement Learning

WPI

This advanced-level graduate class focuses on second-year or higher M.S/Ph.D students. The work includes grading the quizzes and projects in the class. Hosting office hours to answer questions regarding to the course materials and topics in reinforcement learning. This class covers from the Markov decision process to the current trend of research in reinforcement learning like AlphaZero.

AWARDS

Best Paper Award

AAMAS 2022

Best paper award for the paper with titled "Hacking the Colony: On the Disruptive Effect of Misleading Pheromone and How to Defend Against It."

NOTABLE CLASSES

Mathematics	Multivariate Analysis, Optimization, Bayesian Statistics, Causal Inference
Computer Science	Reinforcement Learning, NLP, DBMS, Big Data Analytics, ML
Business	Prescriptive Analytics
Biology and Medicine	Computational Neuroscience, Clinical Psychopathology
Robotics	Swarm Intelligence