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Research Interests

Multimodal NLP, Multilingual and Low-resource NLP, Lexical Semantics, Information Extraction, Large-scale LMs, Natural Language Processing.

Education

B.Sc. (Engg.) in Computer Science and Engineering 2023
University of Chittagong, Chattogram-4331, Bangladesh
CGPA: 3.64/4.0 (3.88 in last 60 credits; 8th out of 61)
Thesis: Multimodal Desire Understanding on Social Media Data
Advisor: Professor Nihad Karim Chowdhury

Research Experience

CSECU-DSG Lab, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh; Advisor: Dr. Abu Nowshed Chy (Undergraduate Research Assistant)
KDE Lab, Toyohashi University of Technology, Japan; Advisor: Dr. Masaki Aono (Research collaboration)
Zia Ullah's Lab, Edinburgh Napier University, UK; Advisor: Dr. Md Zia Ullah (Research collaboration)

Research Publications:

International Journals: * implies equal contributions

1. **Abdul Aziz**, Nihad Karim Chowdhury, Muhammad Ashad Kabir, Abu Nowshed Chy, and Md. Jawad Siddique, *MMTF-DES: A Fusion of Multimodal Transformer Models for Desire, Emotion, and Sentiment Analysis of Social Media Data*, Elsevier Information Fusion Journal, Vol. -, No. -, pp. -, 2023. (On Review) ([Arxiv PDF](#))
2. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, Abu Nowshed Chy, Md Zia Ullah, and Masaki Aono, *Leveraging Contextual Representations with BiLSTM-based Regressor for Lexical Complexity Prediction*, Elsevier Natural Language Processing Journal, Vol. -, No. -, pp. -, 2023. (Accepted)

Conference and Workshop Papers:

1. **Abdul Aziz**, Md. Akram Hossain, Abu Nowshed Chy, and, Md Zia Ullah *Multimodal Complaint Detection Using Sentiment and Emotion-Aided Multitask Contrastive Learning Model*, The 46th European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR '24) (Long Paper). (Submitted)
2. **Abdul Aziz**, Md. Akram Hossain, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *Sentiment and Emotion Analysis Using Transformer-based Multi-task Contrastive Learning Model on Code-mixed Tweets*, The 46th European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR '24) (Short Papers). (Submitted)
3. Md. Akram Hossain, Muhammad Anwarul Azim, Abu Nowshed Chy, Mohammad Khairul Islam, Md Zia Ullah, and **Abdul Aziz** et al. *BiGCAT: An Integrated Graph Neural Network Model for Financial Named Entity Recognition*, ECIR-2024. (Submitted)

4. Nabila Ayman, Md. Akram Hossain*, **Abdul Aziz***, Rokan Uddin Farouqi, and Abu Nowshed Chy *BengaliLCP: A Dataset for Lexical Complexity Prediction in the Bengali Texts*, LREC-COLLING-2024. (Submitted)
5. **Abdul Aziz**, Md. Akram Hossain, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG@Multimodal Hate Speech Event Detection 2023: Transformer-based Multimodal Hierarchical Fusion Model For Multimodal Hate Speech Detection*, Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Challenges and Applications of Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from Text (CASE), CASE@RANLP-2023 (Accepted)
6. Md. Akram Hossain, **Abdul Aziz**, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG @ Causal News Corpus 2023: Leveraging RoBERTa and DeBERTa Transformer Model with Contrastive Learning for Causal Event Classification*, Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Challenges and Applications of Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from Text (CASE), CASE@RANLP-2023 (Accepted)
7. **Abdul Aziz**, Md. Akram Hossain, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG at CheckThat! 2023: Transformer-based Fusion Approach for Multimodal and Multigenre Check-Worthiness*, CLEF 2023: Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum, September 18–21, 2023, Thessaloniki, Greece. ([PDF](#))
8. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG at SemEval-2023 Task 4: Fine-tuning DeBERTa Transformer Model with Cross-fold Training and Multi-sample Dropout for Human Values Identification*, Proceedings of the The 17th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2023), pages 1988–1994. ([PDF](#))
9. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG @ Causal News Corpus 2022: Fusion of RoBERTa Transformers Variants for Causal Event Classification*, Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Challenges and Applications of Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from Text (CASE), CASE@EMNLP-2022, pages 138–142. ([PDF](#))
10. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *Enhancing the DeBERTa Transformers Model for Classifying Sentences from Biomedical Abstracts*, Proceedings of the The 20th Annual Workshop of the Australasian Language Technology Association (ALTA-2022), pages 156–160. ([PDF](#))
11. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG at SemEval-2022 Task 3: Investigating the Taxonomic Relationship Between Two Arguments using Fusion of Multilingual Transformer Models*, Proceedings of the 16th International Workshops on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2022), Pages 255–259. ([PDF](#))
12. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG at SemEval-2022 Task 11: Identifying the Multilingual Complex Named Entity in Text Using Stacked Embeddings and Transformer based Approach*, Proceedings of the 16th International Workshops on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2022), Pages 255–259. ([PDF](#))
13. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *CSECU-DSG at SemEval-2021 Task 1: Fusion of Transformer Models for Lexical Complexity Prediction*, In Proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2021), pages 627–631. ([PDF](#))

14. **Abdul Aziz***, Md. Akram Hossain*, and Abu Nowshed Chy, *Feature Fusion with Hand-crafted and Transfer Learning Embeddings for Cause-Effect Relation Extraction*, CEREX@FIRE 2020, Forum for Information Retrieval Evaluation (FIRE 2020), Pages 756 - 764. ([PDF](#))

Achievements:

- **1st Place (Winning Team) in CheckThat!@CLEF-2023 Subtask 1A Arabic** - CSECU-DSG at CheckThat! 2023: Transformer-based Fusion Approach for Multimodal and Multigenre Check-Worthiness
- **2nd Place in ALTA-2022 Shared Task** - Enhancing the DeBERTa Transformers Model for Classifying Sentences from Biomedical Abstracts
- **1st Place (Winning Team) in CASE@EMNLP-2022 Subtask 1** - CSECU-DSG@Causal News Corpus 2022: Fusion of RoBERTa Transformers Variants for Causal Event Classification
- **4th Place in PreTENS@SemEval-2022 Subtask 1** - CSECU-DSG at SemEval-2022 Task 3: Investigating the Taxonomic Relationship Between Two Arguments using Fusion of Multilingual Transformer Models
- **1st Place (Winning Team) in CEREX@FIRE2020 Task A** - Feature Fusion with Hand-crafted and Transfer Learning Embeddings for Cause-Effect Relation Extraction

Extra Curricular Activities:

- **Student Volunteer**
 - The 61st Annual Meeting of the ACL (ACL 2023)
 - The 44th International ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR-2021)
 - Intra-departmental competitive programming contest (2022 and 2023)
- **Reviewer**
 - Semantic Evaluation (SemEval 2020-2023).
 - Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF 2023)
 - AACL-IJCNLP-2023 (Sub-reviewer)

Research Projects:

- **Multilingual and Code-mixed Task Understanding** [December 2021 - Present]
 - Code-mixed Sentiment and Emotion Analysis [ECIR '24] (Submitted)
 - Multilingual Taxonomic Relationship of Arguments [SemEval '22]
 - Multilingual and Code-mixed Complex NER [SemEval '22]
- **Multimodal NLP for Social Good** [January 2022 - Present]
 - Multimodal Complaint Detection [ECIR '24] (In-progress)
 - Multimodal Desire Understanding [Information Fusion '23] (On Review)
 - Multimodal Hate Speech Detection [CASE@RANLP '23]
 - Multimodal and Multigenre Check-Worthiness [CheckThat!@CLEF '23]
- **Lexical Simplification** [December 2020 - Present]
 - Multilingual Lexical complexity Prediction [LREC-COLING '24] (Submitted)
 - Complex word Identification and Lexical Complexity Prediction [Elsevier NLP Journal '23 (Accepted), SemEval '21]
- **Causal Information Extraction** [June 2020 - August 2023]
 - Event Causality Identification [CASE@RANLP '23] (Accepted)
 - Causal Event Classification [CASE@EMNLP '22]
 - Cause-Effect Relation Extraction [CEREX@FIRE '20]

- **NLP for Social Good** [December 2022 - Present]
 - Human Value Identification [SemEval '23]
 - Financial NER [ECIR '23]
- **Biomedical task understanding** [June 2022 - November 2022]
 - Classifying Sentences from Biomedical Abstracts [ALTA '22]
 - Medical Visual Question Answering
- **Undergrad Thesis** [May 2022 - August 2023]

During my undergrad thesis, I studied the multimodal learning paradigm. I put my knowledge to solve multimodal human desire understanding task. Recently, I have learned multitask learning and contrastive learning.

 - Multimodal Human Desire Understanding [Elsevier Information Fusion Journal '23] (On Review)

Research Training:

ACL Year-Round Mentorship

Mentorship network that helps and supports junior researchers in natural language processing (NLP), 2021 - present.

IT Skills Set:

Libraries and Tools :

Pytorch, **TensorFlow**, Scikit-learn, Keras, NLTK, Gensim, Simple Transformers, Flair, Jupyter, BeautifulSoup, Pandas.

Programming Languages:

Python, C, C++, JAVA, PHP.

Web Designing Tools:

HTML, XML, JavaScript, CSS, UML.

IDE Experiences:

Colaboratory, PyCharm, Eclipse, Code Blocks, Visual Studio, PHP Editor, Turbo C, Notepad++, LaTeX.

Language Skills:

Bengali: Vernacular.

English: Proficient in all aspect.