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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Language Processing, Text & Information Retrieval, Social Data Mining, Machine Learning

EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India July 2012 - May 2016
Bachelors of Technology (Honors) in Computer Science and Engineering
   CGPA: 9.54/10
   Rank in class: 7/112

WORK EXPERIENCE

Microsoft Research Lab, Bangalore, India July 2016-Present
Research Fellow Mentor: Raghavendra Udupa
Machine Learning, Natural Language Systems and Applications Group

PUBLICATIONS

Chakraborty, A., **Paranjape, B.**, Kakarla, S., Ganguly, N. *"Stop Clickbait: Detecting and Preventing Clickbaits in Online News Media"*
   Conference: **ASONAM 2016**
   Nominated for Best Paper and awarded **Best Student Paper**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Linguistic study of sensationalist headlines used by online news media
Bachelors Thesis Project, IIT Kharagpur July 2015-May 2016
Guides: Prof. Niloy Ganguly, Abhijnan Chakraborty
- Used semantic and lexical contrasts between ordinary and sensationalist news headlines to create hand-crafted features.
- Achieved a classification accuracy of 93% using SVM and used the model to build a browser extension, *StopClickbait* that detects clickbaity links.
- Augmented the classifier with novel semantic network generation and pattern matching algorithms that uses click history and tunes the classifier for a user.

Supervised tagging of documents for Pseudo Relevance Feedback(PRF)
Research Project, Microsoft Research India November 2016-Present
Guide: Raghavendra Udupa
- Used language model based PRF to heuristically obtain interpretable phrases in a document that explain its relevance to a query
- Plan to use conditional random fields (CRF) and Recurrent-CNN (RCNN) architectures to learn a word-level tagging model that automatically selects phrases in top K retrieved documents.
- Phrases will then be used to augment the query model for robust PRF and improved retrieval.

Task-specific Short Document Expansion
Research Project, Microsoft Research India July-November 2016
Guides: Raghavendra Udupa, Ram Bairi
- Short texts like tweets are expanded for clustering and classification tasks, but they use domain or task specific heuristics and IR systems.
- Developed a robust system for short text expansion that can be used across varied tasks, yet learns to produce expansions that improves a specific task's performance.
- Expansion model uses task-agnostic language features and is trained by SGD to alternately optimize relevant long document selection and task's loss.

Resource optimized Machine Learning for Internet of Things(IoT)
Research Project, Microsoft Research India   July-November 2016
Guides: Raghavendra Udupa, Prateek Jain
- Edge or fog computing on resource constrained end devices in IoT necessitates compressed yet performant versions of machine learning algorithms like K-Nearest Neighbors.
- Used K-nearest Neighbor models with fewer, low-dimensional class representatives as neighbors and profiled prediction time on Arduino UNO and BBC Microbit boards using these models.
- Optimized prediction on such resource constrained devices by using a CSR-like sparsity representation and learning a lookup table that rapidly computes the exponential kernel function.

Inducing Tag Ontology on StackOverflow
Research Project, IIT Kharagpur   July 2015-December 2015
Guide: Prof. Pawan Goyal
- Performed Gaussian Mixture Model clustering of 110,454 user generated tags on StackOverflow to obtain overlapping clusters of 8-10 tags.
- Converted each tag-cluster into a rooted tree based on statistical co-occurrence and entropy of member tags in a corpus of 28 million questions.
- Performed bigram topic modeling over questions tagged with both ends of a tree edge to induce a label set for that tree edge.

INTERNSHIPS	**Summer Internship, IIT Bombay** *May-July 2014*

Summer Internship, IIT Bombay   *May-July 2014*
Data Acquisition System, Project Ekalavya   Prof. D. B. Phatak
- Developed an affordable plug-n-play Sensor Data Acquisition System (DAQ) for science laboratories in public schools and colleges in India
- DAQ uses the 5$ BeagleBone Black that extracts data from attached sensors and displays processed readings on the low-cost Aakash Tablet in an interactive and processable fashion

Summer Internship, Microsoft India Development Center   *May-July 2015*
Cloud & Enterprise Division
- Extended the Service Level Agreement (SLA) feature of Microsoft Dynamics CRM 2015 Software
- Offered full time job opportunity at the end of internship.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded the *Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) National Fellowship* granted to students with motivation to pursue research careers in Science   *2011*
Awarded the Technology Alumni Association Prize for securing highest GPA in the batch among 1,332 students in Freshman Year   *2013*
Runner-Ups in Microsoft Code.fun.do for the mobile application, Artify, that uses Deep Learning to transform photos into famous artworks   *2015*
Won the IBM Day Prize for the Browser Extension, *StopClickbait*, that detects sensationalized headlines using machine learning   *2016*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming	C++,C#, Java, Python
Web Development	JavaScript, Node.js, Django
Packages	Apache Nutch, Matlab, OpenCV, Theano

RELEVANT COURSES

Curriculum: Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, Artificial Intelligence, Social Computing, Probability & Statistics, Linear Algebra
Online: Deep Leaning(Udacity), Mining Massive Datasets(Coursera), Deep Learning for NLP (Stanford)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- As member of Technology Robotix Society, the Robotics club of IIT Kharagpur, helped organized and participated in the intra-college Robosoccer competition.
- As reporter for Scholar's Avenue, the student run fortnightly of IIT Kharagpur, covered several academic and campus issues, including student body elections.