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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University - School of Computer Science; Pittsburgh, PA

Master of Science in Language Technologies

Aug 2021

CGPA: 3.94

Courses: Machine Learning, Neural Networks for NLP, Dialog Seminar, Deep RL, Multilingual NLP

Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani; Pilani, India

June 2018

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) in Computer Science

CGPA : 9.28/10

Thesis on "Distantly Supervised Relation Extraction using Side Information" at IISc, Bangalore

The Mother's International School; Delhi, India

May 2014 95.6%

Class XII, CBSE Class X, CBSE

CGPA: 10/10

Experience

Google Deepmind

Mountain View, CA

Research Software Engineer (Formerly Brain Team)

Oct 2021 - Present

- Improving the generation and alignment capabilities of large language models including teaching from feedback.
- Contributing to various generative modeling efforts in Google including Bard, Gemini and Search.

## Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Research Assistant (Advisors: Yulia Tsvetkov, Alan Black, Alex Rudnicky) Sept 2019 - Aug 2021

- Proposed an interpretable approach for knowledge proliferation in academic research articles by identifying key phrases using importance attribution.
- Performed a linguistic driven analysis on the characteristics of good negotiators and incorporated explicit strategy-sequence structure using Graph Neural Networks to improve non-collaborative dialogue systems.
- Collaborated with team Tartan to develop a conversational system in Amazon Alexa Challenge 2019;
   developed mini-bots and analyzed conversational story structure, reached semi-finals.
- Modeled the structure of dialogue by analyzing the flow of conversational topics and detecting non-coherence. Submitted proposal for Alexa Challenge 2020.

#### Samsung Research Institute

Bangalore, India

Software Engineer - Natural Language Understanding

Aug 2018 - Aug 2019

- $\bullet$  Improved open domain dialogue systems using side information and contextual knowledge.
- Constructed a low resource intent classification and speaker recognition solution using GMMs.

#### **Indian Institute of Science**

Bangalore, India

Undergraduate Thesis (Advisor : Partha Talukdar)

Jan 2018 - July 2018

- Constructed a unique India-Centric Knowledge Graph based on the Never-Ending Language Learning Paradigm.
- Improved Distantly-Supervised Relation Extraction using Side Information achieving SOTA results.

## Samsung Research Institute

Bangalore, India

Summer Intern - 5G Team

May 2017 - July 2017

• Developed tools for packet generation and distributed analysis for the data link layer of 5G protocol.

#### Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, ISRO

Dehradun, India

Research Intern (Advisor: Sameer Saran)

May 2016 - July 2016

• Developed core API and execution engine of the DataCube for the effective storage, retrieval and analysis of large earth observation datasets using Python and ideas from distributed and parallel computing.

Publications

Yao Zhao, **Rishabh Joshi**, Tianqi Liu, Misha Khalman, Mohammad Saleh, and Peter J. Liu. SLiC-HF: Sequence Likelihood Calibration with Human Feedback. [Paper]

Yao Zhao, Mikhail Khalman, **Rishabh Joshi**, Shashi Narayan, Mohammad Saleh, Peter J Liu. Calibrating Sequence likelihood Improves Conditional Language Generation. *In Proc. ICLR* '23. [Paper]

Rishabh Joshi\*, Vidhisha Balachandran\*, Emily Saldanha, Maria Glenski, Svitlana Volkova, Yulia Tsvetkov. Unsupervised Keyphrase Extraction via Interpretable Neural Networks. *In Findings EACL '23.*[Paper]

Rishabh Joshi, Vidhisha Balachandran, Shikhar Vashishth, Alan W Black and Yulia Tsvetkov. DialoGraph: Incorporating Interpretable Strategy-Graph Networks into Negotiation Dialogues. In Proc. ICLR '21. [Paper]

Ritam Dutt, Sayan Sinha, Rishabh Joshi, Surya Shekhar Chakraborty, Meredith Riggs, Xinru Yan, Haogang Bao and Carolyn Rose. ResPer: Computationally Modelling Resisting Strategies in Persuasive Conversations. In *Proc.* **EACL** '21.

Ritam Dutt, Rishabh Joshi and Carolyn Rosé. Keeping Up Appearances: Computational Modeling of Face Acts in Persuasion Oriented Discussions. In Proc. EMNLP '20.

Fanglin Chen, Ta-Chung Chi, Shiyang Lyu, Jiachen Gong, Tanmay Parekh, Rishabh Joshi, Anant Kaushik and Alexander Rudnicky. Tartan: A Two-Tiered Dialog Framework for Multi-Domain Social Chitchat. In Proc. 3rd Alexa Prize '19-'20.

Shikhar Vashishth, Rishabh Joshi, Ritam Dutt, Denis Newman-Griffis and Carolyn Rose. MedType: Improving Medical Entity Linking with Semantic Type Prediction. In Proc. JMR '21. [Paper] [Demo]

Rishabh Joshi\*, Sopan Khosla\*, Ritam Dutt\*, Alan W Black and Yulia Tsvetkov. LTIatCMU at SemEval-2020 Task 11: Incorporating Multi-Level Features for Multi-Granular Propaganda Span Identification. In Proc. SemEval '20.

Rishabh Joshi\*, Gaurav Kumar\*, Jaspreet Singh\* and Promod Yenigalla. AMUSED: A Multi-Stream Vector Representation Method for Use in Natural Dialogue. In Proc. LREC '20. [Paper]

Rakesh Bal\*, Sayan Sinha\*, Swastika Dutta, Rishabh Joshi, Sayan Ghosh and Ritam Dutt. Analysing the Extent of Misinformation in Cancer Related Tweets. In Proc. ICWSM '20.

Shikhar Vashishth, Rishabh Joshi, Sai Suman Prayaga, Chiranjib Bhattacharyya and Partha Talukdar. RE-SIDE: Improving Distantly-Supervised Neural Relation Extraction using Side Information. In Proc. EMNLP 18. [Paper] [Code]

#### Projects

## Exploring DataMaps for better QA Data Augmentation, CMU

Jan 2021 - May 2021

• Proposed effective data augmentation techniques for Machine Reading by utilizing data maps of augmented data. Showed that it is most effective to utilize amniguous data points.

Improving Multilingual Text Summarization using Adapters, CMU Sept 2020 - Jan 2021

• Improved few-shot multilingual abstractive summarization using adapter networks.

Coherence Aware Curious Bot, Advisor: Alex Rudnicky, CMU

June - Oct 2020

- Proposed a curious bot system which learns to ask better questions to keep conversations engaging.
- Leveraged Knowledge Graphs to form novel questions and keep track of dialogue coherence.

Propaganda Identification in News, Advisor: Yulia and Alan, CMU

Jan - May 2020

• Proposed a multi-granular framework to incorporate multi-level features for the SemEval 2020 task of detecting propaganda spans in news articles. Performed  $4^{th}$  in span identification task.

Face Acts and Resisting Persuasion Strategies, Advisor: Carolyn Rosé, CMU Jan - May 2020

• Proposed frameworks to encode notions of face in a conversation and resisting persuasion strategies (under review).

## Teaching

## Teaching Assistant for Applied Machine Learning 11-663, CMU

Jan - Dec 2020

• Assisted Carolyn Rosé by taking office hours for around 100 students and assisting them in their group projects during Spring and Fall 2020.

### Teaching Assistant for Data Structures and Algorithms, BITS Pilani

Jan - May 2017

• Helmed two lab sections and was the jury for the online judge with the responsibility of assisting 200+ students. The course was taught by Sundar S Balasubramaniam.

### Honors and Awards

- Honourable Mention, Won a cash prize of \$200 for an oral presentation at CMU LTI SRS 2019 2017
- 1st, Campus ML Hackathon organized by MapMyIndia on Kaggle in APOGEE, BITS Pilani
- 3rd, ML Hackathon organized by D.E. Shaw on HackerEarth

- 2017
- 2nd, E-Yantra, a robotics competition organized by MHRD and IIT Bombay
- 2016 2015

• Merit, Recipient of Institute Merit Scholarship for academic excellence • 1574, All India Rank (AIR), IIT-JEE (out of around 1,300,000)

2014

• Inspire, Recipient of Govt. of India Inspire Scholarship (top 1% in CBSE)

2014

- All India Topper, Chemistry, CBSE Class XII Board (100/100)
- School Topper, Computer Science, CBSE Class XII Board (99/100)

Positions of Responsibility

## Executive Coordinator, Embryo Club, BITS Pilani

Apr 2016 - Apr 2017

• Handled the finances of the club and raised club treasury from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 180,000. Organized on campus talk by Amish Tripathi, handling all expenses and negotiations.

# ${\bf Joint~Activities~Coordinator}, {\it ACM~BITS~Chapter}$

Aug 2015 - Aug 2016

• Conducted more than 8 events for ACM BITS chapter throughout the year. BITS-ACM won the best ACM chapter award for that year in India.

Extra Curricular Activities Volunteered for National Service Scheme, BITS Pilani chapter from Aug 2014 to Aug 2017. Helped underprivileged people to become acquainted in computers. Organized Junoon, sports festival for physically challenged. Lectured junior year students on transition trends of Campus-to-Corporate (C2C) under Sushila Shekhawat.