Indraneil Paul

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I am a doctoral researcher interested in optimising **code-generation LM pre-training**, emphasising **function calling** and **multilingual performance**, and contributing to multiple **open-source LM** releases. My mission is to unlock the application of LMs beyond text-only settings to areas like **robot navigation** and **agentic workflows** by improving their abilities to **reason**, **offload computation**, and learn from **environment feedback**. I also work on **preference learning** methods to improve LMs' code generation capabilities along non-functional axes like **security** and **efficiency**. My interests span all facets of improving LM pre-training efficiency, including **data curation**, **context-length extension**, **modularity** and **sparse-expert models**.

Education

09/22 - Pres.	ELLIS PhD Candidate in Informatics, TU Darmstadt, Germany	Enrolment
07/17 - 07/19	Masters by Research in Computer Science, IIIT Hyderabad, India	Certificate
08/13 - 05/17	Bachelors of Technology in Computer Science, IIIT Hyderabad, India	Certificate

Invited Talks

10/24	Challenges in Code LMs, IIIT Hyderabad	Slides
09/24	Code Generation : Challenges and Solutions, BHT Berlin	Slides
04/23	Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning for NLP, MBZUAI	Slides
01/23	Multilingual Adapters, TU Darmstadt	Slides

Selected Publications

Droid : A Resource Suite for AI-Generated Code Detection
EMNLP 2025 Oral, Suzhou — Abstract | PDF
Daniil Orel et al. (incl. **Indraneil Paul**)

Massively Multilingual Adaptation of Large Language Models Using Bilingual Translation Data
KDD Datasets & Benchmarks 2026, Jeju (Under Review) — Abstract | PDF
Shaoxiong Ji et al. (incl. **Indraneil Paul**)

EMMA-500 : Enhancing Massively Multilingual Adaptation Of Large Language Models
KDD Datasets & Benchmarks 2026, Jeju (Under Review) — Abstract | PDF
Shaoxiong Ji et al. (incl. **Indraneil Paul**)

ObscuraCoder : Powering Efficient Code LM Pre-Training Via Obfuscation Grounding
ICLR 2025 Poster, Singapore — Abstract | PDF
Indraneil Paul et al.

BigCodeBench : Benchmarking Code Generation With Diverse Function Calls And Complex Instructions
ICLR 2025 Oral, Singapore — Slides | Abstract | PDF
Terry Yue Zhuo et al. (incl. **Indraneil Paul**)

IRCoder : Intermediate Representations Make Language Models Robust Multilingual Code Generators
ACL 2024 Oral, Bangkok (Outstanding Paper) — Slides | Abstract | PDF
Indraneil Paul et al.

StarCoder 2 And The Stack V2 : The Next Generation
TMLR 2024 — Slides | Abstract | PDF
Anton Lozhkov et al. (incl. **Indraneil Paul**)

Adapters : A Unified Library For Parameter-Efficient And Modular Transfer Learning
EMNLP 2023 System Demonstrations, Singapore — Demo | Abstract | PDF
Clifton Poth et al. (incl. **Indraneil Paul**)

Sub-Task Imputation via Self-Labelling to Train Image Moderation Models on Sparse Noisy Data
CIKM 2022 Oral, Atlanta — Slides | Abstract | PDF
Indraneil Paul et al.

Summer Schools

07/23	Lisbon Machine Learning Summer School (LxMLS)	Certificate
07/21	European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI)	Certificate

Research Experience

09/22 - Pres. Doctoral Researcher, TU Darmstadt Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing Lab, Darmstadt

- Researching comparative benefits of various PEFT and MoE methods
- Implemented LLVM IR grounding for improving the multilingual performance of code LMs
- Demonstrated the benefits of pre-training code LMs with obfuscation grounding
- Investigating code LM improvement along non-functional axes like runtime
- Created and solely maintained **VLLM-Code-Harness**, a library for efficient code LM evaluation

`GPT-NeoX` `HuggingFace Transformers` `Axolotl` `TRL` `DistilLabel` `Python` `Docker` `LLVM`

06/17 - 08/19 Research Assistant, IIIT-H Language Technologies Research Center, Hyderabad

- Employed temporal activity, network and Tweet-based features to characterize verified users on Twitter
- Curated a **dataset** of 235K+ verified Twitter users, containing 79M+ edges and 494M+ Tweets

`Graph-Tool` `FastAI` `Neo4j` `AllenNLP` `Twitter API` `PoweRLaw` `Python` `R`

06/18 - 07/19 Research Assistant, IIIT-H Machine Learning Lab, Hyderabad

- Researched constraint-aware two-sided matching algorithms on dynamic bipartite graphs
- Benchmarked non-manipulable preference elicitation mechanisms for ride-sharing drivers

`ParamILS` `CVXOpt` `MATLAB` `Python` `C++`

Industry Experience

04/20 - 08/22 Applied Scientist, Amazon Inc. (Advertising), Bangalore

- Created text, image and multi-modal models for improving EU ad moderation automation by 28%
- Researched multi-modal, multi-lingual and multi-task pre-training objectives for ad catalog tagging
- Devised sample-efficient training methods for ViT models using self-labelling and sub-task distillation

`HuggingFace Transformers` `PyTorch` `Python` `CUDA C++` `TensorRT` `AWS SageMaker`

07/19 - 03/20 Software Development Engineer, Amazon Inc. (Logistics), Hyderabad

- Implemented a planner enabling merchants to rank options and schedule last-mile package drop-offs
- Oversaw database tuning, JVM optimizations and message queue setup for event ingestion service

`Spring` `METIS` `Java` `AWS SNS` `AWS SQS` `AWS DynamoDB`

Open Source Experience

04/24 - Pres. MaLA-LM, UTTER Project

- Conducted SOTA multilingual continual pre-training evaluations on frontier LMs
- Investigated the code completion performance of multilingual LMs in non-English language prompts
- Worked on the **EMMA-500** model and **MaLA-2** massively multilingual corpus releases

`HuggingFace Transformers` `Megatron-DeepSpeed` `DeepSpeed` `Python` `Docker`

06/23 - Pres. BigCode Project, ServiceNow and HuggingFace

- Contributed to **StarCoder-2** pre-training data collection and training ablations
- Worked on containerization, evaluation framework and annotation for **BigCodeBench**

`LLVM` `HuggingFace Transformers` `Megatron-LM` `Python` `Docker`

05/17 - 07/17 Google Summer of Code, Green Navigation

- Implemented an LSTM forecaster for the **EV-Charge-Prediction** project to alleviate range anxiety
- Implemented an ensemble solution that reduced absolute forecasting error by 39%
- Productionized the Bayesian Optimization service for optimal hyper-param selection in training jobs

`TensorFlow` `Pandas` `BayesOpt` `Python`

References

TU Darmstadt	Prof. Dr. Iryna Gurevych, PhD Thesis Advisor	Email
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IIIT Hyd.	Prof. Dr. Ponnurangam Kumaraguru, MSc Thesis Advisor	Email