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QUALIFICATIONS

Sep 21 - Sep 25 **PhD Computer Science** (Supervised by Dr. Nafise Sadat Moosavi)
▷ Natural Language Processing Group, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
▷ Research title: *Numerical Reasoning for General-Purpose Language Models*
▷ Focus: AI, ML, NLP, NLG, LLMs, Reasoning, Number Representation, Tokenisation

Sep 20 - Sep 21 **MA Computational Linguistics - Distinction**
▷ University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom

Oct 12 - Jul 16 **Bachelor (MMath) Mathematics - First Class**
▷ University of Warwick, United Kingdom

PUBLICATIONS

Jul 23 (ACL) **Sivakumar, J.**, & Moosavi, N. (2023). FERMAT: An Alternative to Accuracy for Numerical Reasoning. In Proceedings of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Volume 1: Long Papers). ACL.
▷ Designed a mathematically informative multi-view test sets for numerical reasoning.
▷ Published a method for automatic data-augmentation of worded arithmetic problem.
▷ Demonstrated that diversity in language significantly improved performance.
▷ Explored data-leakage to justify improvement of BART and FLAN type LLMs.

Dec 21 (IALP-IEEE) **Sivakumar, J.**, et. al. (2021, December). A GRU-based pipeline approach for word-sentence segmentation and punctuation restoration in English. In 2021 International Conference on Asian Language Processing (IALP). IEEE.
▷ Trained GRU models using PyTorch for punctuation retrieval of concatenated strings.
▷ Created a binary classification system to identify insertions of punctuation.
▷ Generated synthetic training and testing data from punctuated text.
▷ Investigated automatic evaluations metrics against human perception.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Jul 24 - Oct 24 **Amazon Internship - Applied Scientist (Bellevue, United States)**
▷ Work with Alexa International team to test cultural awareness of Alexa

Jan 24 - Jun 24 **Consultancy: Improved query response & document analysis**
▷ Provided technology solutions to two clients to deploy AI to aid their daily activity.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Sep 21 - Present **NLP for Endangered Language Revitalisation in Colombia**
▷ Collected and digitised text using OCR for Palenquero, an endangered language.
▷ Deploying low-resource language NLP research to develop pedagogical resource.

Nov 21 - Jun 22 **Speech Technology and NLP to improve Oral History Search functionality**
▷ Explored existing NER systems to identify domain specific terms.
▷ Automated annotated transcriptions to improve search and retrieval of video frames.

Sep 20 - Sep 21 **Semantic Sentence Embeddings for Natural Language Inference**
▷ Trained BERT embeddings using siamese network contrastive loss over NLI tasks.
▷ Inductively biased embeddings with semantic parse trees over Graph Neural Network.

Sep 15 - May 16 **A Mathematical Approach at Analysing the Influence of English on French**
▷ Generated a diachronic dataset of French news articles to observe language evolution.
▷ Modelled adoption of English lexica into French with stochastic/differential equations.

SKILLS

Programming
- ▷ Python (PyTorch, Huggingface, scikit-learn, NLTK)
- ▷ MATLAB
- ▷ Bash (HPC)
- ▷ Version control (git/github)
- ▷ Latex

Languages
- ▷ French (Native)
- ▷ Tamil (Native)
- ▷ English (Near Native)
- ▷ Spanish (Fluent)
- ▷ German (Conversational)

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Jun 24 — **Reviewer for BioLaySumm NLP Workshop**
- ▷ Reviewed for

Nov 23 - Jun 24 — **Supervisor for final year research project in number representation**
- ▷ Weekly supervision for number decoding project, helped with latest deep learning techniques both theoretically and practically.

Jan 24 — **Reviewer for LREC-Coling 2024**
- ▷ Reviewed for Less-Resourced/Endangered/Less-studied Languages, Lexicon and Semantics, and Social Media Processing" tracks.

Jun 23 — **Invited Talk** - 3rd Speech and Language Technology CDT Conference
- ▷ Presented FERMAT research in main talk event.

Nov 22 - Feb 23 — **Examiner for Text Processing and Professional Issues**
- ▷ Assessed student code and marked reports, provided feedback on assignments.

Jul 22 — **12th Lisbon Machine Learning Summer School**
- ▷ Attended lectures on linear classifiers, seq2seq models, neural networks and talks from industry and academia on novel research, networked with other attendees.

Jan 22 - Jun 22 — **Teaching Assistant for Foundations of Computer Science**
- ▷ Taught fundamental mathematics: probability, linear algebra and number theory.

Jan 21 - May 21 — **Machine Learning Tutorial for Postgraduate Computational Linguists**
- ▷ Explained mathematics using linguistics examples for kNN, decision trees, Naive Bayes, linear regressions, regularisation, beam search, EM algorithm, gradient descent, entropy.