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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning, Big Data Systems, and Geospatial Data Analytics

EDUCATION

- **Arizona State University** Tempe, Arizona
PhD in Computer Science *Aug. 2018 – Jul. 2023 (Expected)*
 - **Graduate Courses:** Distributed Database Systems, Fundamentals of Statistical Learning, Data Mining, and Statistical Machine Learning
- **Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology** Chittagong, Bangladesh
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering *Mar. 2010 – Nov. 2014*
 - **Undergraduate Courses:** Programming in C/C++, Object Oriented Programming, Data Structure, Algorithms, Software Engineering, and Artificial Intelligence

EXPERIENCE

- **Data Systems Lab @ASU** Tempe, Arizona
Research Assistant *Aug. 2018 - Present*
 - **Spatio-Temporal ML:** Developing a spatio-temporal machine learning framework on top of PyTorch
 - **NLIDB Benchmark:** A benchmark for evaluating natural language to SQL query synthesis approaches
- **Arizona State University** Tempe, Arizona
Teaching Assistant *Aug. 2018 - Present*
 - **Courses:** Distributed Database Systems, Data Processing at Scale, Object Oriented Programming and Data Structure, Principles of Programming with Java and Python, Programming of Programming with C++
- **Gagagugu PTE LTD** Dhaka, Bangladesh
Software Engineer *Jan. 2017 to Jun. 2018*
 - **Projects:** Android applications featuring functionalities related to social networking and communication systems.
- **Le Chef Plc** Dhaka, Bangladesh
Android Application Developer *Aug. 2015 - Dec. 2016*
 - **Projects:** Android applications featuring services such as online order and reservation systems for restaurants
- **ICT Division** Bangladesh
Trainer of Mobile Application Development *May 2015 - Jul. 2015*
 - **Responsibilities:** Trained about 100 undergraduate students on topics related to Android development.

PROJECTS

- **Hotspot Analysis:** Calculating Getis-Ord statistic of NYC Taxi Trip data, performing spatial queries and spatial operations such as range join.
- **Optimizing Hyperparameters:** An experimental work which performs comparative evaluation of Bayesian optimization and grid search for optimizing CNN parameters.
- **GGfone:** An Android application developed while working at Gagagugu PTE LTD supporting features such as international calls, wifi calls, and credit balance transferring between users.
- **GagaGugu:** An Android application developed while working at Gagagugu PTE LTD featuring social networking and communications such as status update, messaging, and calls.
- **ChefOnline - Order Takeaway App:** An Android application for restaurants developed while working at Le Chef Plc supporting features such as online orders and reservations.

- **LARS with SystemML:** Evaluating Deep Learning in SystemML using LARS Optimizer.
- **NLIDB-Bench:** A benchmark to evaluate state-of-the-art natural language to SQL synthesis approaches
- **Multi-layer Neural Network from Scratch:** Scratch implementation of a multi-layer neural network and functions such as activation, loss, dropout, forward and backward propagation, etc. using numpy.
- **SparkSQL Data Visualization:** Consists of two parts: an API in Scala retrieves the data stored in SparkSQL using spark clusters and a Javascript front end visualizes the data using deck.gl visualization library.

PUBLICATIONS

- Vamsi Meduri, **Kanchan Chowdhury**, Mohamed Sarwat; Evaluation of Machine Learning Algorithms in Predicting the Next SQL Query From the Future. *Accepted for publication in ACM TODS 2021*
- Jia Yu, **Kanchan Chowdhury**, Mohamed Sarwat; Tabula in Action: A Sampling Middleware for Interactive Geospatial Visualization dashboards. *46th International Conference on Very Large Databases*, 2020.
- Venkata Vamsikrishna Meduri, **Kanchan Chowdhury**, Mohamed Sarwat; Recurrent Neural Networks for Dynamic User Intent Prediction in Human-Database Interaction. *22nd International Conference on Extending Database Technology*, 2019.
- **Kanchan Chowdhury**, Venkata Vamsikrishna Meduri, Mohamed Sarwat; NLIDB-Bench: A Benchmark for Evaluating Natural Language Interfaces to Relational Databases.
- **Kanchan Chowdhury**, Lamia Alam, Shyla Sarmin, Safayet Arefin, Mohammed Moshiul Hoque; A Fuzzy Features Based Online Handwritten Bangla Word Recognition Framework. *18th International Conference on Computer and Information Technology*, 2015

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Python, Java, C, C++, Scala, Javascript, SQL, HTML
- **Tools and Libraries:** Apache Spark, Hadoop, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Keras, Jupyter Notebook, Android SDK
- **Databases:** MySQL, PostgreSQL, SparkSQL, SQLite, MongoDB
- **Others:** Deck.gl Data Visualization Library, Rest API, Various Google APIs, CSS, MVP Design Pattern, JSON Parsing

PARTICIPATION AND AWARDS

- Recipient of CIDSE Doctoral Fellowship at Arizona State University for the academic year 2018-2019.
- 2nd Runner-up at National Hackathon organized by ICT Division of Bangladesh in 2014 for proposing solution to a national problem in country.
- 2nd Runner-up at Mobile Application Code Hub organized by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 2014.
- 6th at Inter University Programming Contest organized by Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology in 2012.
- Recipient of Honors award from Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology for excellent academic result.

PROBLEM SOLVING

I solved 305 problems in UVa Online Judge, 46 problems in Light OJ and participated in many programming contests both in real-time and online. I also answered some questions in StackOverflow.