Md Kaykobad Reza

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)

Computer Science and Engineering (Current CGPA 4.00/4.00) Research Topics: Multimodal Machine Learning and Computer Vision University of California, Riverside Spetember 2022 - Present Supervisor: Dr. M. Salman Asif

Bachelor of Science (with Honors)

Research Topics: Natural Language Processing

Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) Computer Science and Engineering (CGPA 3.94/4.00) February 2015 - April 2019 Supervisor: Dr. M. Sohel Rahman

Research Interests and Publications

Research Interests

My interests broadly span the area of Multimodal ML and Computer Vision. Currently I am working on:

- Multimodal data fusion which is robust to missing, noisy, occluded and unaligned modalities
- Incorporating new modalities to existing models without increasing computational overhead significantly
- Methods for extracting information from noisy/unaligned/low-resolution data & test time model adaptation

Robust Multimodal Learning with Missing Modalities via Parameter-Efficient Adaptation

Md Kaykobad Reza, Ashley Prater-Bennette, M. Salman Asif Proposed a parameter efficient adaptation method for multimodal models that can enhance missing modality performance by up to 31.46%

Multimodal Transformer for Material Segmentation

Md Kaykobad Reza, Ashley Prater-Bennette, M. Salman Asif arXiv | Webpage | Code Proposed a novel fusion strategy and model for multimodal material segmentation that outperforms current state of the art model in all modality combinations

Automatic Summarization of Scientific Articles from Biomedical Domain

IJCCI 2019

Md Kaykobad Reza, Rifat Rubayatul Islam, Sadik Siddique, Md. Mostofa Akbar, M. Sohel Rahman Proposed an algorithm for generating summaries automatically that outperforms traditional methods

Work Experience

Graduate Student Researcher

University of California, Riverside

September 2022 – Present California, USA

- Proposed a parameter efficient adaptation technique for multimodal models that can enhance missing modality performance by up to 31.46%
- Designed a novel fusion strategy and model named MMSFormer for multimodal material segmentation that outperforms current state of the art model in all modality combinations

Senior Engineer, Software Research & Engineering

bKash Limited (Joint venture of Money in Motion, Ant Group & SoftBank)

July 2019 – August 2022 Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Developed a solution for receiving remittance to bKash digital wallet directly from popular platforms like **Payoneer**, **Wise** and **Remitly** resulting in **17%** increase in total number of active users.
- Worked with **bKash Customer App** team to link bKash digital wallet to **36** government and private banks for real time and secure money transfers.
- Worked with **bKash Merchant App** team to build a real-time dashboard for small to large businesses.
- Collaborated with **bKash Payment Gateway** team for implementing fast and secure payment solution resulting in a 23.2% increase in user engagement and 12.6% increase in total yearly revenue.
- Our team also implemented send money, mobile recharge, cash out and deposit pension scheme (DPS).

Software Engineer, Mobile Application

Samsung Research & Development Institute, Bangladesh

May 2019 – July 2019 Dhaka, Bangladesh

- I worked as an iOS application developer and worked in Mobile Application Group 1.
- My primary responsibilities were to develop mobile applications, ensure code quality and fix critical bugs.

Machine Learning Projects

Language generation using RNNLM (NLP Project)

Deep Learning, Keras | Github

Used Quora question pair dataset to generate sentences for gap filling & template-based sentence generation.

Automated Lawn Mower (Hardware Project)

Deep Learning, Computer Vision | Youtube

Automated device using computer vision, camera, sonar sensors to detect and cut grass, avoiding obstacles.

Weather Station (Microcontroller Project)

Machine Learning, Microcontroller | Youtube

A compact device that monitors current weather, stores data, conducts analysis and predicts future weather.

Software Projects

Dyne: Meet Your Friends Over Food (Social Media App) Flutter, Firebase, NodeJs, Geolocation | Details Social app for instant food meetups, exploring restaurants, chatting, coupons, fostering connections & savings.

Dorao: Your Running Companion (Fitness Tracker App) Flutter, Firebase, Django, Geolocation | Details Track walks/runs, log time & distance, real-time stats, create group, complete daily challenges & earn rewards.

Procurement Institute (Tender Management Solution) Flutter, Firebase, In-App Purchase | Details Find out all the gazetted tenders, see details, search or filter, save for later, subscribe for alerts and reminders.

Payvor: Pay & Get Paid for a Favor (Freelance Platform) Flutter, Firebase, C# .NET, Stripe | Details Post job/apply for job, select preferred applicant, assign the job, get the work done, make payment or get paid.

Kalimera (Tourist Guide App in Greece) Flutter, Firebase, Geolocation, In-App Purchase | Details Find out hotels, tourist spots, restaurants, transportation, events, adventures and everything at your fingertips.

Pessa: Real-Time Financial Transaction (FinTech App)Flutter, Firebase, C# .NET | Details All-in-one mobile wallet for seamless money management. Add money, send funds instantly, cash out, & more.

Cherished Prayers (Social Media for the Pious) Flutter, Firebase, Django, Real-Time Chat | Details Record, share, seek solutions, connect with others via chat, groups, and feedback for an enriched experience.

Skills

Soft Skills Communication, Collaboration, Problem Solving

Programming Languages Python, Dart, Java, C/C++

Library/Frameworks PyTorch, TensorFlow, Huggingface, Sk-learn, OpenCV, NumPy, Pandas, Mat-

plotlib, Flutter, Django

Database MySQL, PostgreSQL, HBase, Firebase Firestore, Firebase Realtime DB

Anaconda, PyCharm, Android Studio, VSCode, Firebase, RestAPI, GraphQL,

FastAPI, Git

Leadership

Software/Technologies

Vice PresidentGreater Rangpur Students' Welfare Association, BUET

Aug 2018 – May 2019

Class Representative

Department of Computer Science & Engineering, BUET April 2016 - April 2019

Awards

Dean's Distinguished Fellowship	University of California, Riverside	Fall'22 - Spring'23
Department Dean's List Award	Bangladesh University of Eng. & Tech. (BUET)	2015 - 2019
University Merit Scholarship	Bangladesh University of Eng. & Tech. (BUET)	2015 - 2019
MetLife Pathways Scholarship	MetLife Foundation	2015 - 2018
Education Board Scholarship	Bangladesh Education Board	2012 - 2018