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## EDUCATION

### Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (TIET)

Bachelor of Engineering(B.E.) in Electronics and Computer Engineering

July'17 - Jul'21

## EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS

### NLP Engineer, AI Team, Mercer-Mettl

Jun'21 - Present

Conducting research, developing POC baselines and deploying production ready pipelines for multiple projects.

### NLP Engineer Intern, AI Team, Mercer-Mettl

Jan'21 - Jun'21

Worked on improving NLI models, improved cohesion detection accuracy on English text by ~26%

### Deep Learning Research Intern, CMS Experiment, CERN

Jan'21 - May'21

Worked on building a transformer based model to isolate 'interesting' events from the background during the collision of subatomic particles.

### Research Intern, Deptt. of Mathematics, IIT-Mandi

Dec'19 - Jan'20

Provided an analytical study on the success of Batch Normalisation

### Hackathons

2017 - 2018

SATURNALIA Hackathon '17 ranked 1<sup>st</sup>

PEC-FEST Hackathon '17 ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>

PEC-FEST Hackathon '18 ranked 1<sup>st</sup>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Cross-layer residual connection transformer

Oct'20 - Nov'20

Developed a novel architecture, which has a recursively "smooth" loss surface, allowing the possibility of reaching more generalized minima, even in the absence of good parameter initialisation.

### Adversarial Training for Facebook's Blender

June'20 - Aug'20

Created a self-play regime for conversational agents, and extending that to a competitive conversation where an agent discriminates the output distribution of the other agent against human dialogue distribution.

### Poly encoder regime for fine-tuning decoder-only model (GPT-2)

May' 20

Showed that a decoder model fine-tuned like such on language modeling apparently is more robust to inductive bias than encoder model even though encoder reached better recall@k/C score

### Analytical study of the success of Batch Norm

Nov'19 -Dec'19

Showed that batch normalization smooths the loss surface and how it brings that effect, through the study of eigenvalues of the hessian of weight matrix. [\[Blog\]](#)

### Beta2 variation regime for Adam Optimizer

May'18 - Jul'18

Developed a regime for varying beta2 hyper-parameter of Adam, preventing Adam from getting stuck in sub-optimal minima. A similar result was also shown in a subsection of [Sashank J. Reddi et al.](#)

## SKILLS

Data structures and algorithms, C, C++, Python, PyTorch, NLTK, ScikitLearn, HuggingFace, NumPy, TensorFlow, Keras, Pandas, Matplotlib, Shell scripting.

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Causality and its importance in variational inference and EM, TIET

Jan '20

Inductive bias in machine learning models, TIET

Oct '19

Effect of constraining the posterior to Gaussian in VAEs, PEC-FEST

Nov '17