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Education

Iowa State University

PHD (MS) - COMPUTER SCIENCE, GPA 3.83/4.00

Ames, Iowa

May 2022 (expected)

Anna University

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING - COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Chennai, India

May 2011

Skills

Languages/Tools Java, Python, C++, Git, SQL, UNIX Shell, Docker
Areas of Proficiency Algorithm Design, Graph-Based & Randomized Algorithms, Data Structures

Experience

Iowa State University

GRADUATE RESEARCHER

Ames, Iowa

July. 2017-present

- Researching novel problems on how to maximally spread information in large social networks.
- Created an efficient probabilistic algorithm to spread information to targeted users while avoiding adversaries - Constrained Influence Maximization (CIM) problem.
- Designed an optimization algorithm that improved information spread by 12% while running nearly 100 times faster than the existing state of the art solution.
- Designed a mathematical model for information spread that distinguished between *strongly* and *weakly* influenced users in social networks.
- Achieved high information spread on graphs with 1.6 million nodes and 30 million edges by efficiently programming the graph algorithms in C++.
- Served as a Teaching Assistant in several courses including Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Programming in Java.

Schrödinger

BACKEND ENGINEER - INTERN

NYC, NY

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

- Built a microservice that efficiently managed storage and retrieval of key-value pairs.
- Implemented a Flask application with a Postgres database that exposed a REST API, enabling easy integration with other services.
- Integrated the microservice with Apache Kafka by communicating messages, storing data on Kafka Topics.
- Created Docker images for the components of the microservice and deployed the application using Kubernetes and Tilt.

NP Compete Technologies

TECHNICAL STAFF MEMBER

Chennai, India

Oct. 2011-Sept. 2014

- Developed an Android SDK that enabled businesses to detect user actions and make dynamic UI changes to their existing mobile applications in real-time.
- Designed and implemented a comprehensive testing strategy by writing module-level JUnit tests and defining product-level use case scenarios.
- Defined and created a novel Contact Management application that enabled users to easily access and manage their contacts across various social networks and platforms.
- Lead a team of 4 programmers by managing product features, software design choices, coding standards.
- Implemented a Flask application that collected user's contacts via OAuth and stored it in user's Dropbox.
- Initiated a team-wide peer code review practice that contributed to accelerated development.

Publications and Awards

- 2018 **Atanasoff Award Winner**, In recognition of academic research performance (1 of 193 graduate students)
- 2018 **IEEE BigData**, "Influence Maximization in Social Networks With Non-Target Constraints"
- 2020 **IEEE ASONAM**, "Measuring the Impact of Influence on Individuals: Roadmap to Quantifying Attitude"
- 2021 **SNAM Journal**, "Measuring the Impact of Influence on Individuals: Roadmap to Quantifying Attitude"