Mashaan Alshammari

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I am a machine learning researcher, working on graph clustering and deep learning problems. Previously, I held academic positions in an Australian institute and a Saudi university. I designed CS material at masters and undergraduate levels.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Computer Science, *The University of Sydney*,   **2017 — 2021**
    Thesis title: "Graph Filtering and Automatic Parameter Selection for Efficient Spectral Clustering."

Master of Science, Computer Science, *King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM)*,   **2013 — 2016**
    Thesis title: "Human In-Place Action Recognition using Combination of Kinect Data Streams."

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, *University of Hail,*   **2005 — 2010**

SKILLS

Research & Development	1st author in 13+ research papers, 60+ verified reviews on Web of Science.
Technical	Python and Java programming, Python's ML\DL libraries (pytorch, jax, flax, scikit-learn).
Curriculum design	Designing CS courses according to Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and NCAAA.
Social Media	25+ stars on my Github, 4600+ views and 75+ likes on my YouTube educational videos.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATOR   **Jul 2023 — Present**
Sydney Polytechnic Institute   *Sydney, Australia*

- Participated in curriculum development for a Master of Data Science and Bachelor of Computing.
- Designed the outline and planner documents for courses: Database Systems **(U211)**, Cybersecurity and Information Assurance **(U312)**, and Full-stack development **(U322)**.

MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCHER   **JUN 2022 — Present**
Freelance   *Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

- Working on machine learning research with researchers from the University of Sydney and KFUPM.
- Our research focuses on Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) and Unsupervised Domain Adaptation (UDA).
- Designed experiments using python ML libraries (scikit-learn, pytorch, seaborn, and others).

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR   **JAN 2021 — JUN 2022**
University of Hail   *Hail, Saudi Arabia*

- Participated in curriculum design and lecturing for multiple graduate and undergraduate computer science courses.
- Adapted new teaching strategies to teach the following courses: data structures **(ICS202)**, advanced database **(ICS434)**, and machine learning for big data **(CSAI510)**.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATOR   **SEP 2020 — MAR 2021**
Sydney Polytechnic Institute   *Sydney, Australia*

- Participated in curriculum development for a Master of Data Science.
- Designed lecture slides, assignments, practical sessions, and exams for courses: Database Systems and Infrastructure **(MDS604)**, Mathematics for data science **(MDS602)**, and Artificial Intelligence and Innovation **(MDS607)**.

SYSTEM ENGINEER   **AUG 2010 — MAY 2012**
SABIC   *Jubail, Saudi Arabia*

- In charge of securing and maintaining the plant network components.
- Upgraded obsolete network components during online operation.

INTERN   **JUN 2009 — JAN 2010**
Saudi Aramco   *Dhahran, Saudi Arabia*

- Completed cooperative training at EXPEC ARC as a member of Computational Modeling Team.
- Developed a GUI interface populating the simulator output, large text files, into a database.

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SELECTED PROJECTS

My YouTube Channel
pytorch, jax, Jupyter Notebook

- I create videos explaining machine learning methods. The video starts by reading a paper or a book and ends with code.
- I cover topics like how a convolutional layer is implemented as matrix multiplication in pytorch.

VisionTransformer-MNIST
ViT, pytorch, Jupyter Notebook

- Implementation of the paper *"An Image is Worth 16x16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale"*, which was published by Google research.
- Vision transformers replaces CNNs as the preferred method for image classification.

Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs)
GNNs, GCNs, pytorch, Jupyter Notebook

- Implementation of the paper *"Semi-Supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks"*, which was published in ICLR 2017.
- Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs) perform node classification in graphs.

ADDA
GANs, pytorch, Jupyter Notebook

- Implementation of the paper *"Adversarial Discriminative Domain Adaptation"*, which was published in CVPR 2017.
- ADDA uses GANs to perform unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, John Stavrakakis, Adel F. Ahmed, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"Graph Construction using Principal Axis Trees for Simple Graph Convolution."*, **arXiv**:2302.12000, 2023.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, John Stavrakakis, Adel F. Ahmed, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"Random projection forest initialization for graph convolutional networks."*, **MethodsX**, 2023.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, John Stavrakakis, Adel F. Ahmed, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"Random projection tree similarity metric for SpectralNet."*, **Array**, 2023.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, John Stavrakakis, Adel F. Ahmed, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"The Effect of Points Dispersion on the k-nn Search in Random Projection Forests."*, **IEEE Access**, 2022.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, John Stavrakakis, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"A Parameter-Free Graph Reduction for Spectral Clustering and Spectralnet."*, **Array**, 2022.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, John Stavrakakis, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"Refining a k-nearest neighbor graph for a computationally efficient spectral clustering."*, **Pattern Recognition**, 2021.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"Approximate spectral clustering density-based similarity for noisy datasets."*, **Pattern Recognition Letters**, 2019.
- <u>Mashaan Alshammari</u>, Masahiro Takatsuka: *"Approximate spectral clustering with eigenvector selection and self-tuned k."*, **Pattern Recognition Letters**, 2019.

SELECTED ACTIVITIES

Journal Reviewer

- Pattern Recognition Journal
- Information Sciences Journal
- Knowledge-Based Systems Journal

Conference Organization

- <u>Program committee</u>, 30th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP2023), Changsha, China, November 20-23, 2023.
- <u>Technical Program Committee</u>, 7th International Conference on Data Science and Machine Learning Applications (CDMA2022), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, March 1-3, 2022.