

# MOHIT PANDEY

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## SUMMARY

- Interdisciplinary researcher with skills and experience in machine learning, natural language processing, and applied deep learning in life sciences and healthcare.
- Worked on and led collaborative projects, resulting in peer-reviewed publications in high impact journals.
- Abreast of state of the art Natural Language Processing algorithms and tools and experienced in applied machine learning.
- Self-motivated, problem-solving and collaborative worker with excellent communication skills.
- Looking to research further on multi-modal learning at the intersection of protein crystallographic structures and ligand sequences to enhance generative drug discovery.

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Bioinformatics (Machine Learning)  
University of British Columbia, 2020-  
Advisor: Dr. Artem Cherkasov
- M.S., Computer Science  
Rutgers University, 2017  
Courses: Algorithms • Computer Animations and Game Design • Artificial Intelligence  
• Computer Vision • Machine Learning • Pattern Recognition • Probability Theory  
• Mathematical theories for Optimization • Text Mining in Big Data  
3.65/4.0
- B. Eng., Electronics and Telecommunication  
Shri G.S. Institute of Tech and Science, 2015  
Thesis: Cost effective solutions for Human Computer Interfacing  
7.26/10.0 (absolute)

## EXPERIENCE

- Vancouver Prostate Centre** **Vancouver**  
*Graduate Researcher* *Jan 2021 to -*
  - Led collaborative survey study on advancements in GPU computing for drug discovery. The work is conditionally accepted for publication in Nature Machine Intelligence.
  - Mentored a team of developers to build and release deep learning based web platform for democratizing docking. This solution was used to identify potential inhibitors of SARS-CoV-2 Main Protease by docking 1.3 Billion compounds.
- Signzy Technologies** **Bengaluru**  
*Senior AI Research Engineer* *Nov 2020 to June 2021*
  - Created an industry standard solution for detecting passive liveliness from single frame webcam feed using state of the art deep learning techniques.
  - Interviewed and managed hiring process for senior level engineering positions within the AI team.
- Ipsos Public Affairs** **New York**  
*Senior Machine Learning Scientist* *July 2019 to June 2020*
  - Created and streamlined deep learning based NLP solutions for Aspect based Sentiment Analysis towards top political entities spanning multiple countries for deeper understanding of electoral standings through social media data.
  - Developed English and Arabic emotion analysis model for text in large scale social media stream using transfer learning.
  - Productionized several real-time machine learning solutions through cloud based deployment.
  - Worked on semantic segmentation to distinguish buildings footprint in geospatial imagery.
- Weill Cornell Medicine** **New York**  
*Machine Learning Scientist and Cognitive Developer* *Feb 2017 to June 2019*
  - Designed deep learning based NLP solution for information retrieval from unstructured Electronic Health Records to create large scale datasets for effectively carrying out outcomes research. A large patient pool hence created showed excellent MACE forecast.
  - Worked on context aware neural data augmentation policy for low resource task in specialized domains like medical sciences.
  - Co-Authoring several machine learning papers for prognostic assessment and prediction of congestive heart failure in top-tier journals and conferences.
  - Deployed and studied various state of the art deep learning models and techniques for challenging problem of LV Segmentation across multi-modality radiological imaging.
- CariClub Inc.** **New York**  
*Software Developer, AI* *June 2016 to June 2019*
  - Designed matching algorithm to suggest most suitable match of non-profits for the users on CariClub platform using supervised machine learning. Also made location based, interest based recommendations using both content and collaborative filtering.
  - Deployed distributed collaborative filtering using Alternating Least Squares using Apache Spark on AWS.

## TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 - Mentored 6 high-school interns in Cardiovascular anatomical annotations and basics of medical image segmentation.
- 2016 - Graduate Grading Assistant for Computer Animations and Game Design

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### Computer Vision and Deep learning pipeline for Self Driving Car

- Used Convolutional Neural Network to detect and identify traffic signals
- Using state of the art computer vision models like LeNet and AlexNet, trained models to drive a car on simulator. The data was collected using human behavior cloning.
- Found lane lines to constrain car's driving using deep learning and traditional computer vision algorithms like Hough Transform.

### Predicting a Terrorist Attack

- Implemented and compared various classification algorithms on Global Terrorism Dataset to predict the group responsible for a terrorist attack. Achieved accuracy of over 70% when using Random Forests for classification. K-Nearest Neighbor, Naive Bayes were other classifiers used.
- Performed linear and polynomial (2nd order) regression to predict number of casualties and wounded people in a given terrorist attack.

### Probabilistic Topic Modelling

- Used Latent Dirichlet Allocation and Hierarchical latent Dirichlet allocation to cluster news articles in 20 NewsGroup Dataset.
- Did topic modeling to study and understand underlying pattern in essays of students applying to Rutgers Grad School.

### Effect of Word Embeddings on Sentiment Analysis using Spark

- Used Apache Spark to pre-process Amazon book reviews and calculate word frequency correlation to labels.
- Presented a survey on various word embeddings on classical machine learning models as well as deep learning based neural network architecture.

### Web Scale Recommendation System

- Implemented Distributed Stochastic Gradient Descent in Apache Spark for low rank decomposition of similarity matrix for collaborative filtering on Netflix dataset.

### Low Cost Gesture Based Mouse

- Developed Java Desktop Application to access mouse based on user's gesture. The Application does not expect the user to wear additional hardware in order to detect fingers. The application detects 9 static gestures including opened and closed palm, claw, OK and O signs, Gun Sign, Pinch, Pointing and Finger Tap and supports common mouse actions like Pinch to Zoom, Scroll, Swipe, Wave, Finger push to click.

## POSTERS AND PUBLICATIONS

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, Matlab, MySQL,  $\LaTeX$ , Java, Shell, JavaScript (familiar), R (beginner)
- **Software:** Photoshop, Illustrator, OsiriX
- **Operating System:** MacOS, Windows, Linux

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award, University of British Columbia, 2021
- International Tuition Award, University of British Columbia, 2021
- Computer Science MS Program Award, Indiana University, 2015 [*declined*]
- Tuition Assistance Award for Technical Studies, HEG India, 2011-2015
- Voted among best 5 grad level algorithm class project for "Feature representation of Amazon Book Recommendation System", USA 2015
- Winner Vijana Bharti State level technical poster presentation beating over 60 colleges, India 2012
- All India Rank 1887 in National Aptitude Test by NIIT, India, 2013 (Top 1 percentile.)