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EDUCATION

Lahore University of Management Sciences - B.S Computer Science

2021-2025

• **Relevant coursework:** Topics in Computer and Network Security, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Network Security, Topics in Large Language Models, Computer Vision, Probability, Algorithms.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

LLM Safety Alignment

Feb 2024 - Sep 2024

Security & Privacy Lab, LUMS

Lahore, Pakistan

Collaborators: Dr. Fareed Zaffar (LUMS), Dr. Yasir Zaki (NYU Abu Dhabi)

- Investigated task-specific safety degradation in fine-tuned LLMs, identifying vulnerabilities related to downstream task.
- Comprehensively analysed the shortcomings of existing safety solutions, including fine-tuning datasets, and external guard and moderation models.
- Created and curated a **multitask safety dataset** that enhances task-specific safety guardrails in fine-tuned models, ensuring comprehensive alignment across tasks.
- Fine-tuned models using the safety dataset, showing significant improvements in security, with findings under review at COLING'25.

LLM-Integrated Source Code Debloating

Mar 2024 - Present

Security & Privacy Lab, LUMS

Lahore, Pakistan

Collaborators: Dr. Fareed Zaffar (LUMS), Dr. Ashish Gehani (SRI International), Dr. Sazzadur Rahaman (University of Arizona), Dr. Fahad Shaon (Google)

- Developed a novel **RAG** based multiagent LLM pipeline to assist traditional **debloaters** by retaining code critical for functionality and generality in debloated software.
- Designed specialized LLM prompts informed by manual analysis to address limitations in current debloaters, enhancing relevance of retained code.
- Leveraged **LLVM coverage** and **code semantics** to introduce stability-focused heuristics, reducing critical functionality loss while maintaining program security.
- Achieved improved generality and stability across benchmarks when integrated with three existing debloaters, with minimal size impact.

Applied ML Intern – Dr Zubair Khalid

Jun - Aug 2023

- Developed a high-performance web scraper using selenium and multithreading, extracting **electricity consumption** data of over **3 million** users across Lahore.
- Engineered an LSTM-based time series **forecasting** model to predict **feeder overloading**, aiming to improve grid management.
- Analyzed seasonal consumption patterns to identify poverty hotspots.

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Sep 2023 - Present

Lahore University of Management Sciences

Lahore, Pakistan

- Computer Vision Fundamentals (Fall 2024, Dr. Murtaza Taj): Designed and evaluated programming assignments and quizzes in a graduate-level course.
- CS100: Computational Problem Solving (Spring 2023, Dr. Fareed Zaffar): Conducted tutorials, graded assignments for 90 students, and offered individual support.
- CS200: Introduction to Programming (Fall 2023, Dr. Shafay Shamail): Led tutorials, graded labs and quizzes for 80 students, and provided individual assistance.

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PROJECTS

Tradesnap.ai | MERN, Selenium, Azure Cloud, OpenAI

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Developed a conversational stock trading platform using OpenAI's Assistant to enable multilingual stock trading via chat interface
- Integrated features like buying/selling stocks, educational content, and personalized volatility alerts
- Scraped data from PSX for platform backend and built detailed company pages with advanced React charts
- Implemented automated testing for the application using Selenium to ensure platform reliability

Nighttime Wildlife Monitoring | CycleGAN, Image Processing, OpenAI CLIP

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Developed a hierarchical model leveraging CycleGANs to enhance nighttime camera trap images for snow leopard detection
- Used OpenAI's CLIP for image classification and fine-tuned it for challenging nighttime conditions
- Collected and curated training data from the Snapshot Serengeti Database, achieving 0.95 accuracy and 0.89 F1-score

Social Media Toxicity Classifier | Llama2, PEFT, Jigsaw Dataset

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Developed a model to detect and flag harmful social media content, fine-tuning Llama2-7B (PEFT) for toxicity classification
- Achieved 90% accuracy and an F1-score of 0.89 across 6 toxic classes using the Jigsaw Toxic Comment Classification Dataset
- Reached a ROC of 0.85, ensuring effective detection of harmful content

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Language: Python, JavaScript, C++, Haskell, HTML, CSS, LLVM, Bash Scripting
- **Technologies/Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, MERN, TypeScript, LangChain, Pandas, LlamaIndex, OpenAI Platform, Google AI Studio