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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Representation Learning on Graphs, Generative Large Language Models (LLMs), and their applications in Healthcare data, Federated learning, ASR & Audio Analysis

EDUCATION

Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow, India

May 2017

Bachelor of Technology, Computer Science Engineering

- **Thesis:** Generative Modeling of Music Sequences with LSTM-based RNN Architecture

Anandi Devi S.V.M, Sitapur, India (ADSVM), Sitapur, India

April 2013

12th - Board of High School and Intermediate Education U.P

- **Major:** Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics

EXPERIENCE

Saama Technologies, Chennai, India

May 2018 - Present

Senior ML Research Engineer

Objective: *Develop Deep Learning/NLP methods and pipelines for clinical data, Lead research projects, and published findings in top ML conferences*

- **Adverse Event Prediction:** *FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)* Developed an RNN-LSTM model with Context-Aware Attention to extract pharmacological semantics from clinical notes, achieving 98% F1 score. Optimized character and word embeddings to enrich contextual representation. Enabled automated adverse event detection across 1M records.
- **Trial Plan Optimizer (TPO):** Designed an ML model using one of top-tier biopharmaceutical company's clinical trial data to predict site enrollment. Implemented a Python & Scala AutoML framework with TransmogrifAI. Utilized Categorical Embeddings and tree-based algorithms like XGBoost, LightGBM, and Random Forest to optimize predictions.
- **Unsupervised Medical Monitoring:** Conducted analysis of clinical trial data across SDTM domains to identify patient outliers. Leveraged historical patient data and unsupervised models like Autoencoders, Clustering(e.g. K-Means, DBSCAN), Isolation Forest, and One-Class SVM to optimize outlier detection.
- **DeepMap ML Framework (SDTM Automap):** Developed an ML system to automatically generate CDISC SDTM mappings, incorporating Generative Adversarial Networks, Bidirectional LSTM with PubMed and BERT embeddings, and a 3-layer ELMo architecture for multi-task learning across clinical domains, achieving an average accuracy of 95% in mapping source raw data to SDTM standards.
- **Pharma Graph:** *Predictive Modeling of Drug Interactions using Graph Convolutional Networks* Built a NER model to extract pharmacological relationships from clinical text. Developed a Graph Convolutional Neural Network with attention mechanisms to model drugs as nodes and their interactions as edges, characterizing consequential effects caused by drug pair interactions.
- **Large Language Models for Healthcare Domain** Extracted clinical insights from raw medical documents and PDFs using Retrieval-Augmented Generation, fine-tuned open-source LLMs (e.g., Llama-2, Falcon) using custom instruct-datasets for internal use cases, Developed a Python library for prompt versioning and structured outputs, Generating protocol documents from minimal inputs, and Conducting Research to mitigate LLM hallucinations in the medical domain.

Prescience Decision Solutions, Bengaluru, India
Deep Learning Engineer

Feb 2018 - May 2018

Objective: *Building a Multidimensional Deep Learning Model to Predict the Bitcoin Price*

- Worked on transfer learning, attention methods, and custom POS-Tag embeddings.
- Created an unofficial Twitter API to get Bitcoin tweets and used it to do LSTM sentiment analysis.
- Added the sentiment analysis as a feature layer in the main model to improve understanding of the data.
- Deployed the code & APIs and built a Chat UI on top of it to interact with the model.

Fliptango Global Solutions, Kerala, India
Machine Learning Intern

Dec 2017 – Feb 2018

Objective: *Design and implement an ML-driven e-commerce chatbot to optimize user interactions and enhance product recommendations*

- Used TensorFlow to leverage transfer learning and optimize models for specific tasks.
- Added new Commonsense Embeddings from ConceptNet Numberbatch to improve understanding of language.
- Followed BiLSTM-CNN-CRF paper closely to build a named entity recognition model in TensorFlow. Achieved 95% accuracy in the NER model, which was great for pulling out the key entities from user chats.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Ankit Pal, Muru Selvakumar, Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Multi-label Text Classification using Attention-based Graph Neural Network. In Proc. **ICAART, '20**. [\[Link\]](#)

Ankit Pal, Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Pay attention to the cough: Early diagnosis of COVID-19 using interpretable symptoms embeddings with cough sound signal processing. In **ACM '21**. [\[Link\]](#)

Ankit Pal. CLIFT: Analysing Natural Distribution Shift on Question Answering Models in Clinical Domain. Poster in **NeurIPS, '22**. [\[Link\]](#)

Ankit Pal, Logesh Kumar Umapathi and Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. MedMCQA: A Large-scale Multi-Subject Multi-Choice Dataset for Medical domain Question Answering. In Proc. **PMLR '22**. [\[Link\]](#)

Madhura Josh*, **Ankit Pal***, and Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Federated learning for healthcare domain - pipeline, applications and challenges. In **ACM '22**. [\[Link\]](#).

Ankit Pal. DeepParliament: A Legal domain Benchmark & Dataset for Parliament Bills Prediction. In Proc. **EMNLP '22**. [\[Link\]](#)

Ankit Pal, Logesh Kumar Umapathi and Malaikannan Sankarasubbu. Med-HALT: Medical Domain Hallucination Test for Large Language Models. In Proc. **EMNLP Conll '23**. [\[Link\]](#)

SERVICE

Reviewed Papers for Springer Nature 2021, IEEE Access 2021, IEEE Access 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming:** Python, C language, Scala, Rust
- **Mobile and Web Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Cloud platforms:** Amazon web services, Google Cloud Platform, and Microsoft Azure
- **Tools:** Jax, Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras, Scipy, Pandas, Numpy, LaTeX

*equal contribution

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shala by IIT Bombay: DL PI-2 Graph Convolutional Networks for NLP & Knowledge graphs 	
ML PROJECTS	<p>Covid-19 Question-Answering Bot [2020]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extracted keywords and retrieved relevant passages using vector search. • Ranked top 5 passages for relevance, selecting the top one. • Summarized chosen passage using the BART model • Developed APIs and deployed the solution through a Telegram bot. <p>Image & Product Similarity in E-commerce [2018]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformed product pages into graphs for structural comparison. • Applied graph isomorphism techniques to identify product similarities. • Leveraged image vectors to ascertain visual similarity between products. • Enhanced product recommendation accuracy through combined structural and visual analysis. <p>Music Generation with LSTM & Double Stacked GRU [2017]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformed MIDI files into encoded matrices for processing. • Trained both single-layer and double-stacked layer models using LSTM and GRU for music generation. <p>Voice-Controlled Robotic Arm [2016]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed a robotic arm with servos, operated by Raspberry Pi on Puppy Linux. • Integrated a text-to-speech module to translate vocal commands into actionable tasks. • Enabled the robot to execute diverse actions, like grasping a cup and lifting a ball. • Secured the second prize in a college technical exhibition for innovation. 	
TALKS	<p>MLOps: The Keystone of Sustainable AI, Coimbatore, India <i>Gradient Optimizers Meetup</i></p> <p>Federated Learning & Distributional Shift in Healthcare, Chennai, India <i>Gradient Optimizers Meetup</i></p> <p>AI in Law: A New Legal Era, Kangra, India <i>District Court Kangra</i></p> <p>Reasoning in LLMs Through Math Word Problems, Chennai, India <i>ML Researchers Meetup</i></p> <p>Graphs Neural Networks for NLP, IITB, India <i>Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Shala</i></p> <p>Functional Programming: Journey to the Decorator World, Manipal, India <i>Manipal Institute of Technology, MUPy</i></p>	<p>Jan, 2023</p> <p>Dec, 2022</p> <p>Oct, 2021</p> <p>Oct, 2020</p> <p>Jul, 2020</p> <p>Oct, 2017</p>
FEATURED OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS	<p>Promptify <i>Python and JavaScript</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A module for prompt engineering and versioning, Enabling users to efficiently utilize the GPT and similar prompt-based models to get structured output for various NLP tasks, including NER, QA, Classification, etc • Github Trending repository 	<p>Jan, 2023 [Github]</p>

Research Papers Search (Resp) **Jul 15, 2022**
Python [\[Github\]](#)

- A module to Retrieves paper citations from Google Scholar
- Fetches relevant papers by keywords across sources like ACL, ACM, PMLR, etc.

Mix Data types clustering (Mixclu) **Jan 29, 2022**
Python [\[Github\]](#)

- Mixclu is an open-source Python package for doing unsupervised mix data types clustering.
- Includes a variety of combination methods including kmeans-onehot, gower distance, umap, etc.

Cough Signal Processing (CSP) **June, 2020**
Python [\[Github\]](#)

- Extracts cough features including spectrograms, contiguous segments, and cough events, etc.
- Implements various ML and DL algorithms for respiratory audio analysis tasks including automated cough classification, clustering, anomaly detection, etc.

Unsupervised Toolbox Library (Unbox) **Mar 18, 2020**
Python [\[Github\]](#)

- Implements unsupervised NLG methods, focusing on context-aware semantics embeddings.
- Workflow includes question generation/answering, deep clustering, and latent representations etc

Multi-label classification Package (MultiLab) **Nov 26, 2019**
Python [\[Github\]](#)

- Implements classical and state-of-the-art models for multi-label classification
- Provides dataset preprocessing, loading, and evaluation metrics

HONORS AND AWARDS	<p>Best NLP Researcher <i>Saama Technologies, India</i></p> <p>Shining Star for the Month Award <i>Saama Technologies, India</i></p> <p>2nd prize in Technical and Robotics Exhibition <i>Babu Banarasi Das University, Lucknow, India</i></p>	<p>Oct, 2022</p> <p>Nov, 2018</p> <p>Jun, 2015</p>
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