Mounica Maddela

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio USA (2017- present)

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering (CGPA - 3.90 / 4.00)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA (2013-2015)

Master of Science in Engineering in Computer and Information Science (CGPA - 3.64 / 4.00)

International Institute of Information Technology - Hyderabad, India (2009- 2013)

Bachelor of Technology (Honors) in Computer Science and Engineering (CGPA - 9.07 / 10.00)

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS The Ohio State University Fellowship for 2017-2018

Research Award for undergraduate students at IIIT-H for 2011-2012

Deans Academic Award List for all the 8 semesters (Fall 2009 - Spring 2013)

RESEARCH PROJECTS Lexical Simplification using Neural Readability Ranker

Fall 2017 - present

Advisor: Dr. Wei Xu

Lexical simplification aims to reduce the complexity of text by replacing complex words with simpler alternatives. Current lexical simplification approaches rely heavily on heuristics and corpus level features that do not always align with human judgment. Proposed a novel neural readability ranking model to measure the complexity of any given word or phrase.

Cross-Cultural Analysis using Twitter

Spring 2014 - Spring 2015

Advisor: Dr. Lyle Ungar

Goal of the project was to capture the different sources and interpretations of well-being across various cultures or countries. The idea was to capture the context of sentiment words and analyze their distribution across countries. The project was a part of World Well Being Project (WWBP).

CROVHD (Honors Project)

Monsoon/Fall 2011 - Spring 2013

 $Advisor:\ Dr.\ Kamalakar\ Karlapalem$

Developed new visualization system called CROVHD (Concentric Rings of Visualization of High Dimensional Data) to visualize the high dimensional data as a 2-D representation. Extended this system to 3-D Cone visualization to visualize k-nearest neighbours.

Publications

Visualizing Nearest Neighbours for Large High Dimensional Datasets

Mounica Maddela and Kamalakar Karlapalem

IEEE Symposium on Large Scale Data Analytics and Visualization, poster.

Professional Experience Software Development Engineer II at Big Data Technologies, Amazon June 2015 - July 2017 Designed system to improve bulk SQL job monitoring in DataNet, Amazon internal data management system, by visualizing SQL dependencies graph at any point of time. Refactored authorization process for DataNet which reduced the latency by 40%. Mentored an intern to develop faceted search for DataNet. Improved search service for DataNet.

Application developer at Cancer Research Laboratory, UPENN September 2013 - May 2014 Developed web-based application using mySQL to monitor the orders and inventory of the laboratory.

Text Mining Intern at SetuServ

June 2013 - July 2013

Captured insights from tweets posted during American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) conference. Extracted the tweets discussing about cancer/drug/therapy and derived the topics discussed. Built a classifier using credit card transactions data to recognize the type of product based on product name, product description and web definition of the product.

TECHNICAL SKILLS Programming Languages: Java, C++, C, MATLAB 2013a

Scripting and Other Languages: Python, JSP, PHP, Javascript, Bash/Shell scripting, HTML

Databases/Storage: MySQL, MongoDB, Berkeley DB, Amazon DynamoDB, Amazon S3

NLP and Data Mining Tools: Stanford CoreNLP, Stanford Topic Modelling Toolbox, MALLET, Scikit, NLTK, WEKA Version 3.7, MATLAB Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox

Cloud Computing Services: Amazon EC2, Amazon CloudSearch, Amazon Simple Queue Service

Operating Systems: Unix/Linux, Windows, Mac OS X.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant for Internet and Web Systems (Spring 2015)

Teaching Assistant for Computational Linguistics (Fall 2014)

Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Databases (Monsoon 2012)