TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Speech Enhancement, Translation & Recognition Machine Learning Deep Learning Natural Language Processing (NLP) Sequence-to-sequence modeling Knowledge Distillation Classification & Regression Machine Learning Models (Bayesian Network, HMM, GMM, Clustering, Decision Tree, Ensemble Methods) Deep Neural Network (DNN)
- Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM) Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Digital Signal Processing (DSP) Deep Learning Libraries (PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Fairseq) NLP Libraries (NLTK, Scikit-Learn) Human Survey Platform (Qualtrics, Amazon MTurk) Computer Vision & Graphics Libraries (CImg, OpenCV, OpenGL) Python Matlab $C \ + \ +$ Java HTML, CSS & Javascript SQL R Shell

EMPLOYMENT

Amazon Services LLC, Seattle, WA, Applied Scientist Intern, Consumer SPIRIT

Summer 2023

• Will conduct research on unstructured data collection techniques with the aim of developing an efficient product listing classification system to accurately estimate vendor fees.

Amazon Services LLC, Cambridge, MA, Applied Scientist Intern, Alexa AI

 $Fall\ 2022$

• Researched the development of a real-time, end-to-end compressed multi-lingual <u>speech translation</u> system. Investigated the use of large transformer-based models and applied <u>knowledge distillation</u> approach to transfer their performance to smaller models with 50% and 75% fewer parameters. (In review at INTERSPEECH 2023)

Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA, Audio & Acoustics Research Intern

Summer 2022

• Focused on analyzing and improving the performance of <u>speech enhancement</u> algorithms to generate high-fidelity (Hi-Fi) speech by removing distortions and extending speech bandwidth. Applied causal LSTM models with various augmentation to recover codec and clipping distortions, and performed deep noise suppression. (In review at WASPAA 2023)

BOSE Corporation, Boston, MA, Machine Learning/Neural Signal Processing Intern

Summer 2020

• Researched on <u>enhancing speech</u> in remote microphone applications by removing self-speech in order to provide better quality sound with low latency to hearing aids and voice-assistive wearable devices. Utilized an LSTM-based architecture with speaker-dependent d-vector for speaker identification, to ensure real-time operation.

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, Research Assistant, ASPIRE research lab

Fall 2016 - Present

- Developed an attention-based monaural <u>speech enhancement</u> model with the objective of maximizing human perceptual rating of enhanced speech. This was accomplished by incorporating embedding vectors from a human Mean-Opinion Score (MOS) prediction model and jointly training the model utilizing real-world noisy speech data. (INTERSPEECH-2021, extended version in review at TASLP 2023 arxiv)
- Proposed & implemented a quantized speech prediction model that classifies speech spectra into a corresponding quantized class, and applies a language-style model to generate more realistic speech. Acceptable quantization level was determined by listener study conducted on Amazon MTurk, designed using Qualtrics. (ICASSP-2021, poster, slides, video)
- Designed a recurrent layer, named Intra-Spectral Recurrent (ISR) layer to capture spectral dependencies within the magnitude and phase responses of noisy speech using Markovian recurrent connections. This was successfully integrated into a LSTM-based single-channel speech enhancement model.(ICASSP-2020, slides, video)
- Formulated a new type of recurrent output layer that enforces spectral-level dependencies within each spectral time frame, by modeling the Markovian assumption along the frequency axis in both uni-directional and bi-directional ways. This was tested in a magnitude speech enhancement model. (MLSP-2019, poster)
- Engineered a deep architecture, named Recurrent Stacked Generative Adversarial Network (RSGAN) to generate video clips based on a precondition, such as a sentence description, action classes, or fMRI signals. (IU-VISION-2017, poster)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer Science,

Fall 2023 (Anticipated)

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Advisor: Prof. Donald S. Willamson

M.Sc. in Computer Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN December 2019

B.Sc. in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE),

July 2014