Arindam Paul

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Summary

Computer Scientist working in Machine Learning with 10+ years of research experience.

Interests

Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois USA

Ph.D., Computer Science

Sep '19

Master of Science, Computer Science

Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Rajasthan India

Master of Engineering, Software Systems

May '12

Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical Engineering

Programming Skills

Experienced: Python, Tensorflow, H2O, Scikit-Learn, Dash/Plotly, Matplotlib/Seaborn, Pandas, XG-Boost, Selenium

Familiar: SQL, Shapley, NLTK, Hugging Face, Gensim, Spacy, CatBoost/Light GBM, PySpark, PyTorch/Fast AI, HTML/CSS

Professional Experience Data & Applied Scientist, American Family Insurance, Greater Boston, Massachusetts Oct'19-

- User-Based Insurance (in collaboration with major US automaker) :
 - Developed generalized linear and additive models for usage-based auto insurance based on telematics features
 - Performed benchmarking using neural network and gradient boosting modeling
- Claims-Channeling System:
 - ⋄ Co-Designed a multi-input, multi-label claims channeling system to route claims to relevant domain experts using the information (tabular + text) present in the claim which harnesses an insurance based language model using transfer learning to process the text data and thereby increase the accuracy of various downstream tasks
 - ♦ Performed an ablation study based on different models, input/output type and day information to select the best models which get feed into a web based user interface
- Financial Forecasting
 - Developed long and mid-term financial forecasting of KPIs using an ensemble ESRNN+SARIMA
 - ♦ Designed a niche Monte Carlo based time series confidence interval using 100+ scenarios
 - \diamond Deployed a dashboard using flask which gets updated monthly
- Motor Vehicle Violation:
 - \diamond Developed an ML decision system for predicting motor vehicle violation risk
 - Explored ordinal models using tree and neural networks including creating a custom ordinal loss function
- Leadership/Outreach:
 - ♦ Co-host of the AmFam Fairness Seminar
 - $\diamond\,$ Collaborate with UW-Madison professors as part of Amfam Data Science Institute
 - $\diamond\,$ Mentored rotational associate data scientists
 - Invited panelist for company-wide data privacy week for discussions on fairness, privacy, bias in a multicultural inter-connected world

Data Science Intern, Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jun - Aug '18

- \bullet Developed distributed OCR algorithms for detecting responses from scanned questionnaires
- Designed a noise reduction algorithm to de-noise scanned and photocopied questionnaires

Research Intern, Boeing Cybersecurity, Sunnyvale, California

Jun - Sep '13

- Generated synthetic user profiles with different demographic and interest features for analyzing ads across profiles
- Developed a machine learning model for predicting user demographics and interests from ads

Research Projects Research Assistant, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Sep '12 - Aug'19

- Chemical Property Prediction using Molecular Fingerprints (Tensorflow, Scikit Learn)
 - Developed a multi-input input neural network architecture by merging different molecular representations (SMILES and fingerprints) for predicting chemical properties and reduced the mean absolute error by half compared to state-of-the-art architectures (CheMixNet architecture)
 - \diamond Designed Bagged Ensemble models for predicting power conversion efficiency of solar cells using chemical fingerprints, and achieved mean absolute percentage error between 1.5-2 %
 - \diamond Developed a transfer learning solution to predict solar cell properties with mean absolute percentage error below 1 % (SINet architecture)

- Developed Predictive Model for Additive Manufacturing (Tensorflow, Keras)
 - ♦ Created time series models for temporal analysis of temperature and heat flux data
 - Investigated Recurrent Neural Network models to predict point-wise temperature information for accelerating additive manufacturing simulations
 - ♦ Developed an iterative real-time predictive model using bagged decision trees
- Classification of Anonymous Posts using Recurrent Neural Networks (Keras, Scikit Learn)
 - ♦ Developed customized vector model using crowd-sourced (Urban Dictionary) & psycho-lingual (LIWC) dictionaries
 - ♦ Explored Word2vec, GloVe and FastText embedding schemes (Gensim)
 - ♦ Attained prediction accuracy of 79.8 % and 78.1 % using ensemble and LSTM models respectively

Select Publications (11 of 23)

A.Dimri, A.Paul, D.Girish, P.Lee, S.Afra and A.Jakubowski. "A Multi-input Multi-label Claims Channeling System Using Insurance-Based Language Models", Expert Systems With Applications,

Y.Mao, Z.Yang, D.Jha, A. Paul, W. Liao, A. Choudhary and A. Agrawal. "Generative Adversarial Networks and Mixture Density Networks based Inverse Modeling for Microstructural Materials Design", Integrating Materials and Manufacturing Innovation Journal

K.Ness, A. Paul, L. Sun and Z. Zhang. "Towards a generic physics-based machine learning model for geometry invariant thermal history prediction in additive manufacturing", Journal of Materials Processing Technology, 2022 (Special Issue on AI in Advanced Manufacturing)

R.Richards, and A. Paul. "An Attention-driven LSTM Network for High Throughput Virtual Screening of Organic Photovoltaic Candidate Molecules", Solar Energy, 2021

A. Paul, W. Liao, A. Choudhary and A. Agrawal. "Harnessing Psycho-lingual and Crowd-Sourced Dictionaries for Predicting Taboos in Written Emotional Disclosure in Anonymous Confession Boards", Journal of Health Informatics Research, 2021

Z.Yang, D. Jha, A. Paul, W. Liao, A. Choudhary and A. Agrawal. "A General Framework Combining Generative Adversarial Networks and Mixture Density Networks for Inverse Modeling in Microstructural Materials Design", NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning for Engineering Modeling, Simulation and Design, 2020

D.Jha, L.Ward, A. Paul, W. Liao, A. Agrawal, A. Choudhary and C. Wolverton. "ElemNet: Deep Learning the Chemistry of Materials From Only Elemental Composition", Nature Scientific Reports, 2018

A. Paul, M.Mozaffar, Z. Yang, W. Liao, A. Choudhary, J.Cao and A. Agrawal. "A real-time iterative approach for temperature profile prediction in additive manufacturing processes", 6th IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA), 2018

A. Paul, D.Jha, R. Al-Bahrani, W. Liao, A. Choudhary and A. Agrawal. "Transfer Learning Using Ensemble Neural Nets for Organic Solar Cell Screening", International Joint Conference on Neural Networks, 2019

A. Paul, D.Jha, R. Al-Bahrani, W. Liao, A. Choudhary and A. Agrawal. "CheMixNet: Mixed DNN Architectures for Predicting Chemical Properties using Multiple Molecular Representations", NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning for Molecules and Materials, 2018

M.Mozaffar, A. Paul, R. Al-Bahrani, S. Wolff, A. Choudhary, A. Agrawal, K. Ehmann and J.Cao. "Data-Driven Prediction of the High-Dimensional Thermal History in Directed Energy Deposition Processes via Recurrent Neural Networks", Manufacturing Letters, 2018

J.Birnholtz, N.A.R. Merola, and A. Paul. "Is it Weird to Still Be a Virgin?: Anonymous, Locally Targeted Questions on Facebook Confession Boards", Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. ACM, 2015.

Fellowships

McCormick Dean's Commendation Fellowship '18 Spring Predictive Science and Engineering Design Fellowship '16-'17 **'14-'15** Segal Design Fellowship '12-'13 Walter P. Murphy Fellowship

AND LEADERSHIP

Selected Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer, Northwestern University

Jan'14- Jun'19

- \diamond Prepared and delivered weekly lectures for 20-50 students
- ♦ Courses: Social Media Mining, Data Structures , Introduction to Programming (Python)

President/Vice-President/Treasurer, Northwestern Toastmasters

Sep '15 -May '18

- ♦ Lead the Northwestern chapter of Toastmasters with over 30 graduate students and researchers
- $\diamond\,$ Co-wrote proposal to The Graduate school and obtained 3000 USD to fund programming

Co-Facilitator, Northwestern Dialogue Group

Oct '16 - Sep '17

- ♦ Facilitated dialogue in safe spaces for cultural exchange across international and domestic students
- Organized social events to enhance group cohesion