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-

- Automatic Speech Analysis for Customer Calls :
 - Harnessed and tuned Whisper.AI and Google's Chirp models for AI-driven transcription of customer calls
 - \diamond Developed end-to-end system to process call transcripts into call summaries and extracted insurance-specific entities using PaLM, GPT-3 and GPT-4 models
- User-Based Insurance (in collaboration with major US automaker) :
 - \diamond Developed generalized linear and additive models for usage-based auto insurance based on telematics features
- 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
- Motor Vehicle Violation:
 - ♦ 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:
 - ♦ Host of the AmFam Fairness & Ethics in ML Seminar
 - ♦ Collaborate with UW-Madison professors as part of Amfam Data Science Institute
 - ♦ Mentored rotational associate data scientists

Data Science Intern, Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jun - Aug '18

• Developed distributed OCR algorithms for detecting responses from scanned questionnaires

Research Intern, Boeing Cybersecurity, Sunnyvale, California

Jun - Sep '13

 Developed machine learning system using generated synthetic user profiles with different demographic and interest features for analyzing ads across profiles

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)
 - ♦ 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 %
 - ♦ 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)
 - \diamond Attained prediction accuracy of 79.8 % and 78.1 % using ensemble and LSTM models respectively

SELECT PUBLICATIONS (12 OF 25) Fa Li, Qing Zhu, Kunxiaojia Yuan, Fujiang Ji, **Arindam Paul**, Peng Lee, Volker C. Radeloff, Min Chen. "**Projecting large fires in the western US with a more trustworthy machine learning method**", Earth's Future, 2024

Y. Mao, M. Hasan, A. Paul, V. Gupta, K. Choudhary, F.M. Tavazza, W. Liao, A. Choudhary, P. Acar and A. Agrawal. "An End-to-End AI-Driven Microstructure Optimization Framework for Elastic Properties of Titanium Beyond Cubic Crystal Systems", Nature Partner Journal on Computational Materials, 2023

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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

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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
Predictive Science and Engineering Design Fellowship
Segal Design Fellowship
Valter P. Murphy Fellowship
'16-'17
'14-'15
'12-'13

SELECTED TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

Selected Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer, Northwestern University

Jan'14- Jun'19

- $\diamond\,$ Prepared and delivered weekly lectures for 20-50 students
- \diamond 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
- ♦ Co-wrote proposal to The Graduate school and obtained 3000 USD to fund programming