# Pratyay Banerjee

21 OCT, 1992 PH - +1-4802427693 PERSONAL INFO Apt 32, 910 E Lemon Street Email - pbanerj6@asu.edu Tempe, AZ-85281, USA Scholar, LinkedIn, Website, Github Citizenship: India, F1 Visa Natural Language Understanding, Neural Reasoning, Vision + Language, Question Answering INTERESTS Ph.D., Computer Science & Engineering **EDUCATION** Arizona State University, USA Aug 2018 - Current GPA: 4.0 / 4.0 Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering July 2014 Jadavpur University, India GPA: 8.8 / 10 PUBLICATIONS Unsupervised Pronoun Resolution via Masked Noun-Phrase Prediction M. Shen\*, P. Banerjee,\* C. Baral ACL 2021 WeaQA: Weak Supervision via Captions for Visual Question Answering Findings of ACL 2021 P. Banerjee, T. Gokhale, Y. Yang, C. Baral Constructing Flow Graphs from Procedural Cybersecurity Texts Findings of ACL 2021 K. Pal, K. Kashihara, P. Banerjee, S. Mishra, R. Wang, C. Baral Self-Supervised Test-Time Learning for Reading Comprehension P. Banerjee, T. Gokhale, C. Baral NAACL, 2021Self-supervised Knowledge Triplet Learning for Zero-shot QA EMNLP, 2020 P. Banerjee, C. Baral MUTANT: A Training Paradigm for Out-of-Distribution Generalization in VQA T. Gokhale\*, P. Banerjee\*, C. Baral, Y. Yang EMNLP, 2020 Video2Commonsense: Generating Commonsense Descriptions to Enrich Video Captioning Z. Fang\*, T. Gokhale\*, P. Banerjee, C. Baral, Y. Yang EMNLP, 2020 VQA-LOL: Visual Question Answering under the Lens of Logic T. Gokhale\*, P. Banerjee\*, C. Baral, Y. Yang ECCV, 2020 Careful Selection of Knowledge to solve Open Book Question Answering P. Banerjee, K. Pal, A. Mitra, C. Baral ACL, 2019 VQA with Annotation-Efficient Zero Shot Learning under Linguistic Domain Shift SSL@NeurIPS, 2020 P. Banerjee, T. Gokhale, Y. Yang, C. Baral Knowledge Guided Named Entity Recognition for BioMedical Text P. Banerjee\*, K. Pal\*, M. Devarakonda, C. Baral ACM Health Reasoning about Effects of Actions using Transformers P. Banerjee, C. Baral, M. Luo, A. Mitra, K. Pal, T. C. Son, N. Varshney Under Review Weakly-Supervised Learning-to-Rank and Knowledge Segregation for Open Book Science QA Under Review P. Banerjee, C. Baral Unsupervised Question Answering: Trends, Challenges and Outlook P. Banerjee, T. Gokhale, C. Baral Under Review Natural Language QA Approaches using Reasoning with External Knowledge: A Survey

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

TextGraphs-13, 2019

CoRR, 2020

CoRR, 2019

ASU - Cognition and Intelligence Lab Aug 2018-Current Research Assistant: Advisor Prof. Chitta Baral. Working on Neural Reasoning, Natural Language Under-

standing and Vision+Language. Also working on DARPA CHESS program to build NLP and Vision tools for

Human-Computer Collaborative Software Security.

C. Baral, P. Banerjee, K. Pal, A. Mitra

Exploring ways to incorporate additional knowledge to improve NLQA

Explanation ReGeneration using Language Models and Iterative Re-Ranking

A. Mitra\*, P. Banerjee\*, K. Pal\*, S. Mishra\*, C. Baral

Nov 2014 - August 2018

Flipkart - User Identity & Insights Senior Software Development Engineer 3: Built highly scalable systems to compute and serve User's identity information, personalization content and fraud detection data. Designed and developed components using Hadoop frameworks and tools. Developed User address based fraud detection leveraging User Graph. Feature enrichment and identification pipelines for supervised ML models such as Credit and Income Modelling of Users

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using E-Commerce affinities and User Graph attributes. Designed and developed internal tools for change-event propagation from MySQL to ElasticSearch, MySQL cluster management, One stop tool for User escalations and production issue management. Secured User PII data in system-system interactions and Big data usage. Developed several microservices like authentication and authorization services, address management services, rate limiting and rule engine based services. Worked on ML model engineering and productionising to ML problem modelling and data science. Designed ML model for creating selective incentives to push Users to higher segments, where a segment is defined as transactions per customer, lifetime value, gross merchandise value etc.

### Yahoo SDC- International Sports Team

July 2014 - Oct 2014

Software Development Engineer 1: Enabled scaling of Sports Feed processing and extended APIs to support more sports to be served at Yahoo web scale.

### Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata - Crypto Lab

July 2013 - July 2014

Research Assistant: Advisor Prof. Goutam Paul. A Graph-Based FHE based on Homomorphic Bit Vector Encoding. Evaluated multiple schemes to exploit the hardness of graph path traversal algorithms and Homomorphic Bit Vector Encoding to derive a graph based FHE scheme.

## IIT Kharagpur, India - CNERG Lab

Summer 2013

Research Assistant: Advisor Prof. Bivas Mitra. Detection and analysis of dynamic communities in time varying networks. We contrasted several community detection algorithms over time varying networks, built a test bed to analyze these algorithms. Derived useful insights of few community datasets, using these implementations.

SKILLS

Data Science : PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit Learn, Apache Spark ML, Pandas

Languages : Python, Java, C, C++, Scala BigData : Spark, MR, Hive, Hadoop, Pig

AWARDS	&
HONORS	

University Doctoral Fellowship	2018, 2019, 2020
Graduate College Travel Award	2019, 2020
Engineering Graduate Fellowship	2019, 2020
CS PhD Conference Fellowship	2020
Flipkart Hackathon Winner (200 Teams)	2016, 2018
Microsoft AI Challenge Top 5 (500 Teams)	2018
Top 0.001% in the Joint Entrance Exam of the IITs & NITs (1.3M students)	2010
CBSE Undergraduate Fellowship	2010-2014

# TEACHING

Teaching Assistant: Principles of Programming	2018
Teaching Assistant: Natural Language Processing	2019,2020
Teaching Assistant: Frontier Topics in Vision and Language	2021

# SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Teaching and Research Awards Reviewer for the GPSA at ASU: 2019,2020.

Reviewer: NAACL 2021, AAAI 2021, CIKM 2020, EMNLP 2020, ACL 2020-21, EMNLP Workshop 2019

Have lead and managed teams of size 2-4 on multiple projects in Flipkart.