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Research Objective	Developing computational algorithms that (1) reduce the amount of labeled data required to train NLP models from scratch; and (2) adapt to new domains and languages with fewer labeled examples.	
Education	Ph.D. in Computer Science University of California, Los Angeles CGPA: 3.78 on a scale of 4.00 <i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Kai-Wei Chang	[2017 – 2021]
	Master of Computer Science University of Virginia CGPA: 4.00 on a scale of 4.00	[2015 – 17]
	B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology CGPA: 3.81 on a scale of 4.00	[2008 – 13]
Selected Publications	<p>Ahmad, W. U., Chi, J., Le, T., Norton, T., Tian, Y., & Chang, K. W. (2021). Intent Classification and Slot Filling for Privacy Policies. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the ACL.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Li, H., Chang, K. W., & Mehdad, Y. (2021). Syntax-augmented Multilingual BERT for Cross-lingual Transfer. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the ACL.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Bai, X., Lee, S., & Chang, K. W. (2021). Select, Extract and Generate: Neural Keyphrase Generation with Layer-wise Coverage Attention. In Proceedings of the 59th Annual Conference of the ACL.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Chakraborty, S., Ray, B., & Chang, K. W. (2021). Unified Pre-training for Program Understanding and Generation. In Proceedings of the 18th Annual Conference of the NAACL.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Peng, N., & Chang, K. W. (2021). GATE: Graph Attention Transformer Encoder for Cross-lingual Relation and Event Extraction. In Proceedings of the 35th AAAI.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Chakraborty, S., Ray, B., & Chang, K. W. (2020). A Transformer-based Approach for Source Code Summarization. In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the ACL.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Zhang, Z., Ma, X., Chang, K. W., & Peng, N. (2019). Cross-lingual Dependency Parsing with Unlabeled Auxiliary Languages. In Proceedings of the 23rd Conference on CoNLL.</p> <p>Ahmad, W. U., Zhang, Z., Ma, X., Hovy, E., Chang, K. W., & Peng, N. (2019). On Difficulties of Cross-Lingual Transfer with Order Differences: A Case Study on Dependency Parsing. In Proceedings of the 17th Annual Conference of the NAACL-HLT.</p>	
Intern Experience	Research Intern , Facebook AI, Menlo Park, California Topic: Enhancing multilingual encoders with language syntax to improve cross-lingual transfer.	[06/2020 – 09/2020]
	Research Intern , Yahoo Research, Sunnyvale, California Topic: Keyphrase generation from web documents to improve page-to-segment relevance models.	[06/2019 – 09/2019]
	Research Intern , Microsoft AI and Research, Redmond, Washington Topic: Joint learning to extract and generate answers for multi-paragraph reading comprehension.	[06/2018 – 09/2018]
	Research Intern , Walmart Labs, Reston, Virginia Topic: Analyzing fraud rings and patterns to automate prediction of wireless fraud transactions.	[06/2016 – 08/2016]
Ongoing Research Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigating the role of language syntax in cross-lingual transfer.• Retrieval-based data augmentation for question answering in privacy policies.• Developing a unified model for source code summarization, generation, and translation.	
Awards & Scholarships	Graduate Fellowship , University of California, Los Angeles	[2017 – 18]
	William L Ballard Jr Endowed Graduate Fellowship , University of Virginia	[Spring, 2017]
	Graduate Fellowship , University of Virginia	[2015 – 16]
Professional Services	Program Committee/Reviewer 2021: NIPS, EMNLP, SIGIR, ACL-IJCNLP, NAACL, IJCAI, EACL, AAAI 2020: EMNLP, ICML, IJCAI, AAAI, LREC	