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#### Professional Experience

# Research Scientist, SRI, PARC

Palo Alto, CA, USA

August 2022 - June 2024

- Recently won, DARPA AIE, EMHAT, to design evaluation methods for digital twins and AI agent teaming based on LLMs. Developing the system for Pandemic, a multi-agent collaborative game.
- Worked on DARPA project SAIL-ON, project on Open-world learning and evaluation in Minecraft a Polycraft based simulator.
- DARPA KMASS for Knowledge MAnagement at Speed and Scale to develop a dynamic knowledge base for 20,000 documents and design update methods to scale to millions of documents.
- Part of industrial projects with Panasonic to evaluate smart factory development for their production plants.

# Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon

Alexa NLP team, Pittsburgh, USA

Mentor: Ross McGowan May 2021 - August 2021

- Learn knowledge graph for text data using Graph Convolutional Networks.
- Incorporate the learned embedding for intents and slots for improving end-to-end SLU model accuracy.
- Showed upto 2% relative improvement compared to baseline model for internal Amazon dataset.

#### Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon

Alexa NLP team, Pittsburgh, USA

Mentor: Grant Strimel

May 2018 - August 2018

- Design post processing techniques to decrease memory size of cloud based NLP models.
- Implemented an optimization model to to decrease memory footprint by 25% without effecting accuracy.

#### Research Assistant

Arizona State University

Advisor: Prof. Subbarao Khambampati October 2016 – July 2022

- Understand the effects of Human-in-the-loop scenarios on current AI techniques. Design seamless interaction techniques for cooperation between human and robotic agents.
- Languages used: Python

### Research Assistant

Arizona State University

Advisor: Prof. Kurt VanLehn January 2014 – May 2018

- Developed TopoMath, an Intelligent Tutoring System, used to teach arithmetic to high-school students.
- Developed Dragoon, an Intelligent Tutoring System, which teaches students modeling dynamic systems.
- Languages used: JavaScript (Dojo framework based on AMD), PHP and MySQL.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Arizona State University, Tempe

Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Subbarao Kambhampati Completed July 2022

Arizona State University, Tempe

Master of Science in Computer Science & Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Kurt VanLehn Completed December 2015

#### Publications & Patents

- Grover, S., Mohan, S. (2024), A Demonstration of Natural Language Understanding in Embodied Planning Agents using LLMs. ICAPS Demonstrations.
- Piotrowski, W., Chao, J., **Grover, S.**, Stern, R., Mohan, S., Douglas, J. (2024). Open World Adaptation in High Fidelity Simulated Environment. ICAPS Demonstrations.
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- Piotrowski, W., Sher, Y., **Grover, S.**, Stern, R., Mohan, S.(2023). Heuristic Search For Physics-Based Problems: Angry Birds in PDDL+. ICAPS, Application Track. Also presented at SOCS 2023.
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- Agarwal, M., Chakraborti, T., **Grover, S.**, Chaudhary, A. (2021). COVID-19 India Dataset: Parsing Detailed COVID-19 Data in Daily Health Bulletins from States in India. *Neurips MLPH* Workshop.
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- Grover, S., Chakraborti, T. and Kambhampati, S., (2018). What can Automated Planning do for Intelligent Tutoring Systems?. *ICAPS SPARK*
- Grover, S., Wetzel, J. and VanLehn, K., (2018, June). How Should Knowledge Composed of Schemas be Represented in Order to Optimize Student Model Accuracy?. In AIED (pp. 127-139). Springer, Cham.
- VanLehn, K., Chung, G., **Grover**, S., Madni, A. & Wetzel, J. (2016). Learning science by constructing models: Can Dragoon increase learning without increasing the time required? *International Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 1-36
- VanLehn, K., Wetzel, J, **Grover**, S. & van de Sande, B. (2016). Learning how to construct models of dynamic systems: An initial evaluation of the Dragoon intelligent tutoring system. *IEEE Transactions Learning Technology*
- Grover, S. (2015). Online Embedded Assessment for Dragoon, Intelligent Tutoring System. Arizona State University, Master's thesis.
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- Grover, S., Arora, K., Mitra, S.K., Text Extraction from Document Images Using Edge Information, In 2009 Annual IEEE India Conference (pp. 1-4). IEEE

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & RELEVANT PROJECTS

Asking Directed Questions for Model Elicitation YoChan Lab Project, ASU

Advisor: Prof. Subbarao Khambampati May 2019 – Present

- Localize a particular model from a set of possible models for the human collaborator.

- Designed an algorithm to create set of questions in the form of initial and goal states to ask the collaborator.

# Planning for Intelligent Tutoring Systems YoChan Lab Project, ASU

Advisor: Prof. Subbarao Khambampati June 2017 – March 2018

- Learning 2.0 paradigm is about providing personalized technologies for growing population.

- Incorporated planning techniques, to give feedback through active participation of the planner, create personalized curriculum, and create dynamic group using estimated student models.

#### Online Assessment of Student Learning - Dragoon

Advisor: Prof. Kurt VanLehn November 2014 – November 2015

Masters Thesis, ASU, R, Matlab, JavaScript, PHP

- Dragoon is a tutoring software which teaches students to build models of dynamic systems.
  Implemented Bayesian Knowledge Tracing (BKT), to assess student's work in Dragoon problems.
- Implemented algorithm to calibrate BKT and use problem difficulty, to improve accuracy.

#### System of equation solver

Advisor: Prof. Kurt VanLehn

May 2017 – July 2017

Dragoon Lab, JavaScript

- Implemented API for matrices with operations like inversion using LU decomposition.
- Implemented Newton Raphson method to create a solver for system of equations, which is being used in TopoMath tutoring system.