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Sophomore at Stanford University and computing enthusiast with research and project experience in machine learning and computer systems.

Education

Stanford University (Stanford, CA : September 2020 - Present) GPA: 3.90

- Coursework: CS229, CS224U, CS154, CS111, CS110L, CS109, CS107, CS106B, CS103, Math 104, Math 51

University of Wisconsin Independent Learning (Fall 2019): Calculus III, Grade: A

Weston High School (Weston, MA : August 2016 - June 2020) Weighted GPA: 4.70

Projects & Experience

Research Assistant at Stanford Open Virtual Assistant Lab (Stanford, CA : April 2021 - Present)

Mentors: Silei Xu, Prof. Monica S. Lam

- Working on virtual assistants to classify customer support requests with GPT-3 data augmentation

CORELS: Learning Certifiably Optimal Rule Lists (Cambridge, MA : June 2017 - Present)

A machine learning algorithm that builds human-interpretable rule list models

PIs and mentors: Prof. Margo Seltzer (University of British Columbia), Prof. Cynthia Rudin (Duke)

- Co-first author of upcoming paper on systems optimizations that allow algorithm to scale to large datasets
- Implemented web UI (corels.eecs.harvard.edu) and R language API (github.com/saligrama/rcorels)

Research Intern at Akamai Labs via Research Science Institute (Cambridge, MA : June 2019 - August 2019)

Project title: Real-Time, Detailed Tracking of Garbage Collection Activity in Go Programs

Mentors: Samuel Erb, Adam Brockett, Tom Houman, Tim Glynn (Akamai Labs)

- Created realtime garbage collection monitoring system with per-thread, per-phase detail now part of Akamai codebase

Engineering Intern at Uptycs (Waltham, MA : November 2020 - April 2021)

- Added production feature to osquery system monitoring software to inspect and detect malware in Java packages

Research Assistant at MIT PRIMES (Cambridge, MA : January 2018 - June 2020)

Project I: A Practical Analysis of Rust's Concurrency Story (2018 - 2019) Mentors: Jon Gjengset, Prof. Frans Kaashoek (MIT PDOS)

- Developed set of [concurrent hashmaps](#) that are among the fastest available for the Rust language with over 100 stars on GitHub
- Presented report on how the Rust language helps and hurts developers in writing concurrent code at the September 2018 Boston Rust Meetup and at the October 2018 MIT PRIMES conference

Project II: Adversarial Machine Learning (2019 - 2020) Mentors: Guillaume Leclerc, Prof. Aleksander Mądry (MIT Mądry Lab)

- Developed ensemble schemes that yield same adversarial robustness as a single model but improve natural accuracy
- Paper published in ICLR 2020 workshop on trustworthy machine learning (44% acceptance rate)

Linux Lead at Stanford Applied Cyber (Stanford, CA : January 2021 - Present)

- Placed 2nd at Western Regional CCDC Qualifier and Championship, 2nd at National CCDC Wildcards

KnowBias (knowbias.ml) : May 2018 - February 2020)

An award-winning AI algorithm that detects political polarization in online articles in real time

- Won district Congressional App Challenge (2018), MetroHacks III Best Entrepreneurial Hack Award (2018)
- Long paper on arXiv; short paper published as an AAAI 2020 Student Abstract (48% acceptance rate)

Publications

- A. Saligrama, G. Leclerc. [Revisiting Ensembles in an Adversarial Context: Improving Natural Accuracy](#). ICLR 2020 Workshop on Towards Trustworthy ML: Rethinking Security and Privacy for ML, ICLR:TML'20. arXiv:2002.11572, 2020.
- A. Saligrama. [KnowBias: Detecting Political Polarity in Long Text Content](#). AAAI 2020 Student Abstract and Poster Program, AAAI:SAP'20. arXiv:1909.12230, 2020.
- A. Saligrama. [KnowBias: A Novel AI Method to Detect Polarity in Online Content](#). arXiv:1905.00724, 2019.
- A. Saligrama, A. Shen, J. Gjengset. [A Practical Analysis of Rust's Concurrency Story](#). arXiv:1904.12210, 2019.
- N. Larus-Stone, E. Angelino, D. Alabi, M. Seltzer, V. Kaxiras, A. Saligrama, C. Rudin. [Systems Optimizations for Learning Certifiably Optimal Rule Lists](#). SysML Conference, 2018.

Selected Awards & Honors

- 2nd place team, Western Regional CCDC; 2nd place team, National CCDC Wildcard Round (2021)
- Congressional App Challenge Winner, Massachusetts 5th district (2018)
- USA Computing Olympiad, Gold division (2018 - 2020)
- MetroHacks III Best Entrepreneurial Hack (2018)