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EDUCATION

North Carolina State University | Raleigh, NC, USA May 2020
Degree: Master of Computer Science Major: Computer Science GPA: 3.83/4
Coursework: Neural Networks & Deep Learning | Automated Learning & Data Analysis | Artificial Intelligence |
Natural Language Processing | Algorithms & Data Structures | Experimental Statistics |
Database Management and Systems | Computational Methods for Molecular Biology

Sardar Patel Institute of Technology (affiliated to University of Mumbai) | Mumbai, India May 2018
Degree: Bachelor of Engineering Major: Electronics Engineering GPA: 9.18/10
Coursework: Object-oriented Programming | Structured Programming

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Programming Languages:** Python (NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, SciPy), Java, SQL, Julia, C, C++
 - **Statistical Software:** R, JMP (SAS)
 - **Machine Learning Frameworks:** TensorFlow, Keras
 - **Data Visualization:** Tableau, Matplotlib, Seaborn, ggplot
 - **Database:** Oracle, MySQL
 - **Operating Systems:** Linux, Windows
 - **Tools:** Jupyter, RStudio, Apache Spark, GitHub, Microsoft Excel

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Data Science Projects:

- **Predictive Modeling – Estimating Persuasiveness**
 - Designed a system to award points to logical comments on social media thereby filtering out spam messages
 - Extracted unstructured text comprising 5000 Reddit 'Change My View' Discussion threads and pre-processed the noisy data, handling missing values, under-sampling biased data
 - Conducted feature engineering to extract important features (politeness, sentiment, hedge word count) from raw text for awarding points to logical comments
 - Enhanced accuracy from 54% to 77% by implementing deep learning model over classical machine learning algorithms (Support Vector Machines and Decision Trees)
 - This system saves the users' time by displaying comments in decreasing order of relevance to the topic
 - Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/persuasiveness-prediction
- **Classification – Leaf Wilting Identification**
 - Aimed at discovering early signs of disease in soybean plants based on the appearance of their leaves
 - Built a Convolutional Neural Network to detect signs of wilting and extent of disease in soybean leaves based on soybean plant images
 - Improved accuracy of classification from 41% to 82% on utilizing semi-supervised learning approach along with transfer learning through VGG-16 model
 - Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/leaf-wilting-identification
- **Causal Inference – Event Timeline Detection**
 - Objective was to manufacture a model that understood cause and effect relation between two sentences
 - Quantified performance of SVM and Random Forrest supervised learning algorithms in detecting causality between event pairs for NLP word embedding techniques such as word2vec, SpaCy and GloVe
 - Achieved 30% improvement in precision of cause and effect detection between event pairs by executing modification of doc2vec word embedding technique using Gensim
 - Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/event-timeline-detection

- **Research – Adversarial Attack on Sentiment Analysis models**

- Tested our hypothesis that the word embedding models do not have sufficient representations of low frequency words
- Implemented POS tagging to identify adjectives and verbs from Zomato food reviews and IMDB movie reviews
- Discovered target words via VADER sentiment analysis tool and selected synonym having minimum cosine similarity for the word embedding using word2vec
- Altered the input by replacing target words in the reviews with their synonyms that were farthest to them in NLP vector representation
- Examined effect of altered reviews on the accuracy and confidence of sentiment classification LSTM model
- Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/adversarial-attack

- **Data Visualization/Analysis – Liver Disease Forecasting**

- Generated model directed towards predicting possibility of a liver disease in a person
- Detected outliers by generating boxplots and analyzed trends in data through Tableau visualizations
- Developed linear regression models to determine factors contributing most towards occurrence of liver disease

- **Language Modeling – Caption Generation for Images**

- Built an LSTM model to generate textual captions for images in the Flickr8k dataset
- Evaluated the generated captions using BLEU scores for unigram, bigram, trigram and 4-gram language models
- Tested efficacy of the model for text-based image search
- Attained multiple tasks using the same neural network model, hence saving computing memory and resources
- Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/image-caption-generation

Software Development Project:

- **Multi-objective Optimization – Motif Discovery in DNA**

- Devised software to find motifs (patterns) in sequences of DNA
- Obtained 98% accuracy to find implanted motifs in a genome sequence by deploying multi-objective optimization Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm and Gravitational Search Algorithm (GSA)
- Revamped ABC algorithm to include negative feedback, thus enhancing its operation for motif lengths above 20
- Assessed behavior of ABC, GSA and modified ABC algorithms on artificial genome sequences and real datasets (TRANSFAC database)
- Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/motif-discovery

Database Management Project:

- **RDBMS – Automobile Service Center Management**

- Purpose of this project was to create and manage a database system for a car service center to store customer information and perform car maintenance
- Architected a relational database model (E-R diagram) for managing a car service center database
- Engineered Java application flow utilizing JDBC to communicate with Oracle database
- Achieved data security by providing access to information based on user profiles
- Link: github.com/sharvilpradhan/car-service-center-database

RESEARCH PUBLICATION

Pradhan,S. "Cloud-based Smart Parking System". International Conference on Inventive Communication and Computational Technologies (ICICCT) 2018.

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