SHIKHAR VASHISHTH

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh

01/20 - Present

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Language Technologies Institute Information Extraction in Medical Documents and Patents

Advisor: Carolyn Rose

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

2016-2020 GPA: 9.1/10

PhD + M.Tech at Dept. of Computer Science and Automation Thesis: Neural Graph Embedding Methods for NLP [link]

Advisors: Partha Talukdar, Chiranjib Bhattacharyya, Manaal Faruqui

Committee: Soumen Chakrabarti, Fabian Suchanek

Recipient of ACM India Doctoral Dissertation Award & Google PhD Fellowship

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani; Pilani

2012-2016

M.Sc.(Tech.) Information Systems With Distinction, Rank #1 in branch GPA: 9.18/10

Work Experience Google Research, New York

05/19 - 09/19

Research Intern, Google Assistant Team

Worked on understanding Attention Mechanism in NLP

ADAPT Lab, BITS Pilani, India

01/16 - 05/16

Undergraduate Thesis (Advisor: Navneet Goyal)

Worked on designing a hybrid algorithm for Principal Components Analysis (PCA).

Microsoft IDC, Hyderabad, India

05/15 - 07/15

SDE Intern, Microsoft Office Team

Worked on integrating Google Sign-in in Office android apps for reducing user friction.

CMC Ltd, Mumbai, India

05/14 - 07/14

SDE Intern, Java and Web Development Team

Worked with LEARN team on enhancing interactivity of project's web pages.

PUBLICATIONS

R. Joshi, V. Balachandran, Shikhar Vashishth, A. Black, Y. Tsvetkov. "DialoGraph: Incorporating Interpretable Strategy-Graph Networks into Negotiation Dialogues", Proceedings of International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2021), Vienna, Australia.

Shikhar Vashishth, R. Joshi, R. Dutt, D. Newman-Griffis, C. Rose. "MedType: Improving Medical Entity Linking with Semantic Type Prediction", Accepted as poster at American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA 2021).

S. Khosla, Shikhar Vashishth, J. F. Lehman, C. Rose. "Improving Detection and Categorization of Task-relevant Utterances through Integration of Discourse Structure and Ontological Knowledge", Proceedings of Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2020)

Shikhar Vashishth, S. Upadhyay, G. S. Tomar, M. Faruqui. "Attention Interpretabil-

- ity Across NLP Tasks".
- Z. Sun*, Shikhar Vashishth*, S. Sanyal*, P. Talukdar, Y. Yang. "A Re-evaluation of Knowledge Graph Completion Methods" Proceedings of Association of Computational Inguistics (ACL 2020), Seattle, USA.
- Shikhar Vashishth*, S. Sanyal*, V. Nitin, P. Talukdar. "CompGCN: Composition-based Multi-Relational Graph Convolutional Networks", Proceedings of International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2020), Ethiopia.
- Shikhar Vashishth*, S. Sanyal*, V. Nitin, N. Agrawal, P. Talukdar. "InteractE: Improving Convolution based Knowledge Graph Embeddings by Increasing Feature Interactions", Proceedings of 34th Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2020), New York, NY, USA.
- Shikhar Vashishth, M. Bhandari, P. Yadav, P. Rai, C. Bhattacharyya, P. Talukdar. "Incorporating Syntactic and Semantic Information in Word Embeddings using Graph Convolutional Networks", Proceedings of Association of Computational Inguistics (ACL 2019), Florence, Italy.
- P. Yadav, M. Nimishakavi, N. Yadati, <u>Shikhar Vashishth</u>, A. Rajkumar, P. Talukdar. "Lovasz Convolutional Networks". Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2019), Naha, Okinawa, Japan.
- <u>Shikhar Vashishth</u>*, P. Yadav*, M. Bhandari*, P. Talukdar. "Confidence-based Graph Convolutional Networks for Semi-Supervised Learning". Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2019), Naha, Okinawa, Japan.
- Shikhar Vashishth, R. Joshi, S. P. Suman, C. Bhattacharyya, P. Talukdar. "RESIDE: Improving Distantly-Supervised Neural Relation Extraction using Side Information", Proceedings of Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2018), Brussels, Belgium.
- Shikhar Vashishth, S. S. Dasgupta, S. N. Ray, P. Talukdar. "Dating Documents using Graph Convolution Networks", Proceedings of Association of Computational Inguistics (ACL 2018), Melbourne, Australia.
- Shikhar Vashishth P. Jain, P. Talukdar. "CESI: Canonicalizing Open Knowledge Bases using Embeddings and Side Information". Proceedings of The Web Conference 2018 (WWW 2018), Lyon, France. [Acceptance Rate: 14.8 %]
- Y. Sinha, Shikhar Vashishth, K Hari Babu. "Meticulous Measurement of Control Packets in SDN". Proceedings of ACM Symposium on SDN Research, (SOSR 2017), Santa Clara, CA.
- Shikhar Vashishth, Y. Sinha, K Hari Babu. "Addressing Challenges in Browser Based P2P Content Sharing Framework Using WebRTC". Proceedings of 30th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications, (AINA 2016), Switzerland.
- Y. Sinha, <u>Shikhar Vashishth</u>, K Hari Babu. "Real Time Monitoring of Packet Loss in Software Defined Networks". Proceedings of International Conference on Ubiquitous Communications and Network Computing 2017.

Y. Sinha, <u>Shikhar Vashishth</u>, K Hari Babu. "Estimation of raw packets in SDN". Proceedings of International Conference on Ubiquitous Communications and Network Computing 2017.

Shikhar Vashishth, Y. Sinha, K Hari Babu. "A Browser-based Distributed Framework for Content Sharing and Student Collaboration". Proceedings of 4th International Conference on Advanced Computing, Networking, and Informatics.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, Java, R, MatLab, JavaScript, NodeJS **Tools and Systems:** TensorFlow/Pytorch, Open-GL/MP/CV, MPI, Linux, Git

Position of Responsibility Tutorial: Graph-based Deep Learning in NLP (400+ attendees)
2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing [Webpage]

Reviewer for ACL, EMNLP, ICLR, CoNLL, EACL, AACL, AAAI RepL4NLP, Neurocomputing, Natural Language Engineering. 2019 - Present

Teaching Assistant for Algorithms and Programming Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant for Data mining

Spring 2019

Birla Institute of Science and Technology, Pilani.

Technology head at Nirmaan Organization

Fall 2014

Honors and

AWARDS

• Recipient of ACM India Doctoral Dissertation Award 2021.

Supervised team in online and on campus publicity of Nirmaan.

- Recipient of Google India PhD Fellowship 2018.
- Microsoft Research grant for attending ACL 2018, Melbourne.
- Google Travel grant for attending WWW 2018, Lyon, France.
- BITSAA Travel grant for attending AINA 2016, Switzerland.
- Secured 49th rank (top 0.04%) in GATE 2016 CSIT.
- Qualified for ACM ICPC 2014 Kharagpur regionals.
- Secured 8,848 rank (top 1.8%) in IIT-JEE
- Secured 4,334 rank (top 0.74%) in AIEEE

References

Prof. Partha Pratim Talukdar

PhD Advisor

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Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharyya

PhD Advisor

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PostDoc Advisor

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