SHIKHAR VASHISHTH

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Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India 2016-Present **EDUCATION** GPA: 9.1/10

Google PhD Fellow at Dept. of Computer Science and Automation

Advisors: Partha Talukdar, Chiranjib Bhattacharyya, Manaal Faruqui

Thesis: Neural Graph Embedding Methods for NLP [link]

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani; Pilani, India 2012-2016

M.Sc. (Tech.) Information Systems GPA: 9.18/10

With Distinction, Rank #1 in branch

05/19 - 09/19Google Research, New York, NY, USA Work Research Intern, Google Assistant Team

> 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).

05/15 - 07/15Microsoft IDC, Hyderabad, India

SDE Intern, Microsoft Office Team

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

05/14 - 07/14 CMC Ltd, Mumbai, India

SDE Intern, Java and Web Development Team

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

Z. Sun*, Shikhar Vashishth*, S. Sanyal*, P. Talukdar, Y. Yang. "A Re-evaluation Publications of Knowledge Graph Completion Methods"

> Shikhar Vashishth, S. Upadhyay, G. S. Tomar, M. Faruqui. "Attention Interpretability Across NLP Tasks", [Under Review].

Shikhar Vashishth*, S. Sanyal*, V. Nitin, P. Talukdar. "CompGCN: Compositionbased Multi-Relational Graph Convolutional Networks", [Under Review].

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, Shikhar Vashishth, A. Rajkumar, P. Talukdar. "Lovasz Convolutional Networks". Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2019), Naha, Okinawa, Japan.

EXPERIENCE

Shikhar Vashishth*, 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.

<u>Shikhar Vashishth</u>, 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, <u>Shikhar Vashishth</u>, 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 Natural Language Processing 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing [Webpage]

Reviewer for ACL, EMNLP, ICLR, CoNLL, AAAI Neurocomputing Journal, Natural Language Engineering. 2019

Teaching Assistant for Algorithms and Programming Fall 2018 Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Teaching Assistant for Data miningSpring 2019
Birla Institute of Science and Technology, Pilani.

Techno team head at Nirmaan Organization Fall 2014 Supervised team in online and on campus publicity of Nirmaan.

Honors and Awards

- 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