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RESEARCH Interests Interactive agents, cognitive agents and systems, situated language models for intelligent agents, natural language semantics, interactive knowledge acquisition, cognitive robotics.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI USA

Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering

2009 - 2015

Thesis: From Verbs to Tasks: An Integrated Account of Learning Tasks from Situated Interactive

Instruction

Thesis Advisor: John Laird

Thesis Committee: Edmund Durfee, Richard Lewis, Edwin Olson, Andrea Thomaz

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI USA

M.S.E., Computer Science and Engineering

2008 - 2009

University of Delhi, New Delhi, India

Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology

B.E., Instrumentation and Control Engineering

2003 - 2007

Senior Thesis: Extraction-based Single Document Summarization

EMPLOYMENT

Palo Alto Research Center, Palo Alto, CA USA

Postdoctoral Researcher, Interactive Intelligence Group

November 2014 - present

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI USA

Graduate Student Research Assistant to John E. Laird

August 2009 - September 2014

Yahoo! Research and Development, Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Software Engineer, Media Analytics

July 2007 - July 2008

Professional Activities Organization Committee, Students of Cognitive Systems Workshop

2015

Publications

Dissertation

[D1] Shiwali Mohan. From Verbs to Tasks: An Integrated Account of Task Learning from Situated Interactive Instruction. Ph.D. Thesis, Division of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2015.

Journal Articles

[J1] Shiwali Mohan, Aaron Mininger, and John Laird. Towards an Indexical model of situated comprehension for real-world cognitive agents. *Advances in Cognitive Systems 3*, ACS 2014.

- [J2] John Laird and **Shiwali Mohan**. A case study of knowledge integration across multiple memories in Soar. *Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures* (invited), BICA 2014.
- [J3] Shiwali Mohan, Aaron Mininger, James Kirk, and John Laird. Acquiring grounded representations of words with situated interactive instruction. Advances in Cognitive Systems 2, ACS 2012.

Conference Proceedings

- [C1] **Shiwali Mohan** and John Laird. Learning goal-oriented hierarchical tasks from situated interactive instruction. *In the Proceedings of the 28th AAAI Conference*, AAAI 2014.
- [C2] Shiwali Mohan, Aaron Mininger, and John Laird. Towards an Indexical model of situated comprehension for real-world cognitive agents. In Proceedings of the 2nd Conference on Advances in Cognitive Systems, ACS 2013.
- [C3] **Shiwali Mohan**, James Kirk, and John Laird. A computational model of situated task learning with interactive instruction. *In Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Computational Modeling*, ICCM 2013.
- [C4] Mandar Joshi, Rakesh Khobragade, Saurabh Sarda, Umesh Deshpande, and Shiwali Mohan. Object-oriented representation and hierarchical reinforcement learning in Infinite Mario. In Proceedings of the 24th IEEE International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence, ICTAI 2012.
- [C5] Shiwali Mohan and John Laird. An Object-Oriented approach to reinforcement learning in an action game. In Proceedings of the 7th Artificial Intelligence for Interactive Digital Entertainment Conference, AIIDE 2011.
- [C6] Niladri Chatterjee and **Shiwali Mohan**. Discovering word senses from text using random indexing. *In Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Computational linguistics and Intelligent Text Processing*, CICLing 2008. Best Paper Award.
- [C7] Niladri Chatterjee and **Shiwali Mohan**. Extraction-based single-document summarization using random indexing. *In Proceeding of the 19th IEEE International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence*, ICTAI 2007.

Refereed Symposia/Workshop Proceedings

- [W1]: John E. Laird and **Shiwali Mohan**. A case study of knowledge integration across multiple memories in Soar. *In Papers from the AAAI Fall Symposium Series on Integrated Cognition*, 2013
- [W2]: Shiwali Mohan*, Aaron Mininger*, James Kirk*, and John Laird. Learning grounded language through situated interactive instruction. *In Papers from the AAAI Fall Symposium Series on Robots Learning Interactively from Human Teachers*, 2012.
- [W3]: John Laird, Keegan Kinkade, **Shiwali Mohan**, and Joseph Xu. Cognitive robotics using the soar cognitive architecture. *In Proceedings of the 8th International Cognitive Robotics Workshop*, 2012.
- [W4]: Shiwali Mohan and John Laird. Situated comprehension of imperative sentences in embodied, cognitive agents. In Papers from the AAAI Workshop on Grounding Language for Physical Systems, 2012.

[W5]: Shiwali Mohan and John Laird. Towards situated, interactive, instructable agents in a cognitive architecture. In Papers from the AAAI Fall Symposium Series on Advances in Cognitive Systems, 2011.

Refereed Extended Abstracts

- [A1] **Shiwali Mohan**, and John E. Laird. Learning new tasks for situated interactive instruction. *In the 2014 HRI Pioneers Workshop at Human-Robot Interaction*, 2014.
- [A2] Mandar Joshi, Rakesh Khobragade, Saurabh Sarda, Umesh Deshpande, and **Shiwali Mohan**. Hierarchical action selection for reinforcement learning in Infinite Mario. *In Proceedings of the 6th Starting Artificial Intelligence Research Symposium at European Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, STAIRS 2012.
- [A3] **Shiwali Mohan** and John Laird. Learning actions and action verbs from human-agent interaction. *In Proceedings of the 26th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, AAAI 2012.
- [A4] Shiwali Mohan and John Laird. Exploring mixed-initiative interaction for learning with situated instruction in cognitive agents. *In Proceedings of the 26th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, AAAI 2012.
- [A5] **Shiwali Mohan** and John Laird. Relational reinforcement learning in Infinite Mario. *In Proceedings of the 24th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, AAAI 2010.

Honors and Awards HRI Pioneers Scholarship, 2014

AAAI Travel Grant, AAAI Fall Symposium Series: 2013

Doctoral Consortium Scholarship, AAAI: 2012 Rackham Travel Grant: 2011, 2012, 2013 Best Paper Award, CICLing: 2008

Scholarship for Academic Excellence at the University of Delhi: 2003 - 2007

TEACHING Experience University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Guest Lecturer: Cognition and Interactive Systems April 2014

EECS 498: Intelligent Interactive Systems

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Graduate Student Instructor January 2012 - April 2012

EECS 492: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Student September 2011 - December 2011

EECS 580: Teaching Engineering

ADVISING

Bharati Vidyapeeth College of Engineering, New Delhi, India

EXPERIENCE Senior thesis: Designing Soar agents for planet wars September 2012 - Present

Students: Anant Mittal, Anmol Gupta

Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, India

Senior thesis: Reinforcement learning agents for Infinite Mario September 2011 - May 2012

Students: Mandar Joshi, Rakesh Khobragade, Saurabh Sarda

INVITED TALKS Learning Hierarchical Tasks with Situated Interactive Instruction

Center for Vision, Cognition, Learning, and Art, UCLA
USC Institute for Creative Technologies.
November 2013
Interaction Lab, Computer Science and Engineering, USC
Information Sciences Institute, Los Angeles
December 2013