

EDUCATION

- Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi** Jul 2018 – May 2022
Bachelor of Technology in Mathematics and Computing | CGPA: 8.196/10
- Chennai Public School, Chennai** Jun 2016 – May 2018
All India Senior School Certificate Examination (CBSE Std. XII) | Percentage: 96.4%
- Chennai Public School, Chennai** Jun 2014 – May 2016
All India Secondary School Examination (CBSE Std. X) | CGPA: 10/10

EXPERIENCE

KnowDis Data Science, Delhi May 2022 – Present
Data Scientist

Product Category Search Engine (for IndiaMART)

- Observed recall@2 of 94% (+6% than recall@1) and motivated to build a **reranker** to rescore top-*k* categories for improving accuracy
- Built a **cross-encoder** that encodes query & retrieved categories independently, aligns each query token with the most relevant category token and aggregates the similarity scores across the query; the category embeddings are **pre-computed** offline and cached in memory
- Revised confidence classification rules, resulting in 82% (+6%) **coverage** for **high-confidence** class while maintaining accuracy at 95.5%
- Attained a 1-2% gain in overall accuracy and currently working on parallelizing the encoding step in the reranker with the retriever Query Segmentation System (for IndiaMART)
- Developed a two-stage system to **identify all the relevant attributes** mentioned in a query and **extract their corresponding values**
- Trained **BART & RoBERTa** models using product specifications data with auxiliary category classification task to give more supervision
- Formulated a negative sampling strategy and **incorporated additional embeddings** to tackle **incomplete tagging** in the training data
- Deployed the system using **FastAPI** and presented a **demo to the client**; planned to integrate with search system for **refining results** English-to-Hindi Translator with Style Restriction
- Built an **mBART**-based translation baseline for converting **English texts to Hindi** in a **specified style** using in-house parallel corpora
- Obtained the English translations for scraped monolingual Hindi data using **Google Translate API** to augment the training data
- Reviewing existing works on controlling styles in text generation, specifically for low-resource settings, to create improved systems Other contributions:
- Explored non-autoregressive generation methods to convert Roman Hindi words in search queries to English to achieve low-latency
- Experimented with lexical string matching using Elasticsearch to handle model numbers in a search query

KnowDis Data Science, Delhi Jan 2022 – May 2022
Data Science Intern | *Product Category Search Engine (for IndiaMART)*

- Devised an NLP scheme to predict the most relevant **product category** (from **113k possible labels**) from user queries/product listings
- Trained a transformer-based **classifier** on automatically labelled data and added heuristics to improve knowledge of category labels
- Incorporated **causal attention mask**, which improved results; fine-tuned **T5** model for **oversampling** under-represented categories
- Achieved similar accuracy (~88%) as the previous seq2seq model while significantly **reducing average response time (3x faster)** and completely **eliminating timeouts**; the model was **integrated with IndiaMART's search system** and was deployed in production

Samsung R&D Institute, Delhi Jun 2021 – Jul 2021
Software Engineering Intern | *Acoustic Sound Source Localization, Tracking and Separation*

- Developed **sound source direction estimation** module using time delay of arrival of signals between pairs of microphones in an array
- Added modules for tracking active sound sources and extracting individual signals for downstream object identification pipeline
- Integrated stationary noise estimation module for ambient noise removal and reduced maximum direction of arrival error to 7°
- Received **Pre-Placement Offer (PPO)** for impeccable performance during the internship

MateRate Education, Delhi May 2020 – Jul 2020
Machine Learning and Web Development Intern | *Students' Latent Knowledge Space Modelling and Results Portal Development*

- Developed Item Response Theory-based models to estimate and analyze the **ability** of 5000+ students & **difficulty** of 200+ questions
- Designed database schema and built Web APIs using **Django REST framework** to display students' performance reports to parents
- Deployed *Django* backend using **Elastic Beanstalk** with **MySQL** on **RDS** and *React* frontend to **S3** with **CloudFront** CDN integration
- Set up **Auto Scaling group** and attached **Load Balancer** for horizontal scaling; the portal went live with the results of 5000+ students

SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, C++, C, Bash, MATLAB
Deep Learning: PyTorch, Transformers, PyTorch-Lightning, Accelerate, TensorFlow, Keras, NLTK, spaCy
Development: FastAPI, Django, AWS, Streamlit, SQL, CSS, jQuery, HPC Cluster, Docker, Git

PROJECTS

Tracking State Changes for Entities in Technical Procedural Text Feb 2021 – Apr 2022
Prof. Srikanta Bedathur and Prof. Maya Ramanath, Research Project (under IBM AI Horizons Network) [Paper]

- Prepared a dataset consisting of **How-to** troubleshooting FAQs by **scraping WikiHow pages** from *Computers and Electronics* category
- Constructed **BERT**-based baselines to **predict changes in properties of the entities** involved at each step of the process
- Surveyed the literature to build **next-step recommender** from a given sequence of performed actions and developed LSTM baselines

Identification of Hate Spreaders on Social Media Jan 2022 – Apr 2022
Prof. Niladri Chatterjee, Bachelor's Thesis [Thesis]

- Identified key features to profile hate spreaders on Twitter using their feeds and observed high feature importance for sentiment scores
- Proposed a novel scheme that uses **GloVe** embeddings for encoding and **sentiment scores** as weights to quantify word importance
- Attained an **accuracy of 76%** (for English language) on the *PAN@CLEF 2021* dataset (+1% than best) and 77% with an ensemble

Multilingual Question Answering Oct 2021 – Nov 2021
Prof. Mausam, Natural Language Processing Course

- Utilized **XLM-RoBERTa** model for question-answering in **Hindi & Tamil** to **predict the answer span** in a context for a given question
- Fine-tuned on *chaii-1* + *MLQA* + *XQuAD* (for Hindi) + Google translated *SQuAD* (for Tamil) datasets; attained Jaccard score of 68.72%

Rule-based Written-to-Spoken Text Converter Aug 2021 – Sep 2021
Prof. Mausam, Natural Language Processing Course

- Developed a system to rewrite sentences in the spoken form, accounting for dates, times, abbreviations, numerical quantities & units
- Refined the rules through iterative error analysis to handle edge cases (like inflections) and achieved **97.94% F1-score (top in class)**

Corporate Bankruptcy Prediction Feb 2021 – Apr 2021
Prof. Niladri Chatterjee, Data Mining Course [Report]

- Inspected bankruptcy prediction models and observed poor recall; hypothesized **class imbalance & missing values** to be the reasons
- Trained an ensemble model with **Mean Imputation** & **SMOTE** transformations on *Polish companies* dataset and **gained +10% recall**

Extended Vector Space Model for News Articles Retrieval Oct 2020 – Nov 2020
Prof. Srikanta Bedathur, Information Retrieval Course

- Created an end-to-end retrieval system indexed using **TF-IDF weights** with support for prefix search & named-entity based filters
- Reduced index size by half with **gap encoding**; applied pseudo-relevance feedback based probabilistic **query expansion** for reranking

More projects:

- **Context-Sensitive Word Sense Disambiguation**: Studied disambiguation capability of *BERT* and *GloVe+BiLSTM* using *WiC* dataset
- **Tweet Sentiment Classifier**: Vectorized tweets using *TF-IDF* after pre-processing and fed into an *LR* classifier; attained 78.33% accuracy
- **Movie Recommender System**: Implemented collaborative filtering model using *SVD* on *MovieLens* dataset, resulting in MAE of 0.6671
- **Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System for Diabetes Prediction**: Trained a *Takagi-Sugeno* type system with an accuracy of 81.3%

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval and Web Search, Data Mining, Linguistics (*via* Intro to Language Sciences; Language and Communication), Data Structures and Algorithms, Probability and Stochastic Processes, Statistical Methods, Linear Algebra, Calculus, Fuzzy Sets and Applications, Operating Systems, Differential Equations, Optimization Methods, Theory of Computation

ACTIVITIES

- **General Secretary**, Mathematics Society, IIT Delhi Aug 2021 – Jun 2022
Led a team of 30+ members in organizing events, workshops, blogs & interviews to foster the development of maths among students
- **Teaching Assistant**, Information Retrieval and Web Search, Graduate course offered by Prof. Srikanta Bedathur Aug 2021 – Dec 2021
Responsible for preparing rubrics for exams & assignments, grading them and assisting with projects
- **Web Developer**, Student Activity Council, IIT Delhi Feb 2020 – Sep 2020
Revamped the website's design and functionality to enhance user experience and make information more easily accessible
- **Web Development Executive**, Entrepreneurship Development Cell, IIT Delhi Sep 2019 – Jun 2020
Collaborated on the design and development of an Entrepreneurship Portal for the Institute
- **English Language Mentor**, Board for Student Welfare, IIT Delhi Aug 2019 – Dec 2019
Helped newcomers improve their English language communication skills through regular interactive sessions
- **Volunteer in Teaching projects**, National Service Scheme (NSS), IIT Delhi Sep 2018 – May 2020
Dedicated 80+ hours of community service, primarily by tutoring school students and creating educational videos for various subjects