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## Current Position

2019- *Lecturer in IT* (full-time continue), Deakin University, Australia

## Teaching

Programming, Data Structure and Algorithm, Databases, Data Mining, Business Information Systems, Project Management, Student Projects

## Areas of Specialisation

Data mining and machine learning - Similarity Measures, Classification, Clustering, Anomaly Detection, Content-based Information Retrieval, Ensemble-based and Random methods, Learning from small subsamples of data

## Appointments Held

2016-2019	Lecturer (full-time), Federation University, Mt Helen, Australia
2013-2016	Lecturer (sessional), ATMC (Federation University), Melbourne, Australia
2014-2015	Data Engineer (part-time), Gyde Inc., Melbourne, Australia
2014-2015	Teaching Associate (sessional), Monash University, Clayton, Australia
2014-2015	Research Assistant (casual), Federation University, Churchill, Australia
2013-2013	Software Developer (casual), Monash University, Clayton, Australia
2012-2013	Research Assistant (casual), Monash University, Churchill, Australia
2009-2010	Research Student (full-time), Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium
2008-2009	Software Developer (full-time), Ingenico Asia Pacific International, Warriewood, Australia
2006-2006	IT Officer (full-time), Nepal Bank Limited, Damauli, Nepal
2002-2005	Computer Teacher (full-time), Kathmandu Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kathmandu, Nepal

## Education

2017	PhD, Monash University, Australia
Thesis title	<a href="#">A data-dependent dissimilarity measure: An effective alternative to distance measures</a>
Supervisors	Prof. Kai Ming Ting (Federation/Monash University), Dr. Gholamreza (Reza) Haffari (Monash University) and Prof. Takashi Washio (Osaka University)
Examiners	Prof. Tu-Bao Ho (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) and Prof. Bernhard Pfahringer

(Waikato University)

2012	MIT(Research), Monash University, Australia
Thesis title	<a href="#">New generative classifiers with mass-based likelihood estimation</a>
Supervisors	Prof. Kai Ming Ting (Federation/Monash University) and A/Prof. Madhu Chetty (Federation/Monash University)
Examiners	Prof. Geoff Webb (Monash University) and Prof. Xiaodong Li (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University)
2008	MIT(Coursework), University of Southern Queensland, Australia
2005	BIT, Purbanchal University, Nepal

## Selected Publications

2018	M. Santhanagopalan, M. Chetty, C. Foale, <b>S. Aryal</b> and B. Klein, Relevance of frequency of heart-rate peaks as indicator of biological stress level, To appear In <i>Proceedings of The 25th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP 2018)</i> (Accepted in August 2018)
2018	<b>S. Aryal</b> , Anomaly detection technique robust to units and scales of measurement, In <i>Proceedings of the 22nd Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)</i> pp 589-601 Springer
2017	<b>S. Aryal</b> , K. M. Ting, T. Washio and G. Haffari, Data dependent dissimilarity measure: An effective alternative to geometric distance measures, <i>Knowledge and Information Systems</i> 53(2) pp 479-506 Springer
2017	K. M. Ting, T. Washio, J. R. Wells and <b>S. Aryal</b> , Defying the gravity of learning curve: a characteristic of nearest neighbour anomaly detectors, <i>Machine Learning</i> 106(1) pp 55-91 Springer
2017	<b>S. Aryal</b> , A data-dependent dissimilarity measure: An effective alternative to distance measures, <i>PhD Thesis</i> , Clayton School of Information Technology, Monash University
2016	<b>S. Aryal</b> , K. M. Ting, and G. Haffari, Revisiting Attribute Independence Assumption in Probabilistic Unsupervised Anomaly Detection, In <i>Proceedings of the 11th Pacific Asia Workshop on Intelligence and Security Informatics (PAISI)</i> pp 73-86 Springer
2014	<b>S. Aryal</b> , K. M. Ting, G. Haffari and T. Washio, Mp-dissimilarity: A data dependent dissimilarity measure, In <i>Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)</i> pp 707-712 IEEE
2014	<b>S. Aryal</b> , K. M. Ting, J. R. Wells and T. Washio, Improving iForest with Relative Mass, In <i>Proceedings of the 18th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)</i> pp 510-521 Springer
2013	K. M. Ting, T. Washio, J. R. Wells, F. T. Liu and <b>S. Aryal</b> , DEMass: A new density estimator for big data, <i>Knowledge and Information Systems</i> 35(3) pp 493-524 Springer
2012	<b>S. Aryal</b> , New generative classifiers with mass-based likelihood estimation, <i>Master's Thesis</i> , Gippsland School of Information Technology, Monash University

The list of my publications are available in my [Google Scholar](#) and [DBLP](#) pages.

## Selected Talks & Posters

2018	K. M. Ting, <b>S. Aryal</b> and T. Washio, Which Outlier Detector should I use?, In the IEEE ICDM 2018, Singapore [One-day long tutorial]
2017	K. M. Ting and <b>S. Aryal</b> , The impact of sample size and dissimilarity on learning in dynamic and uncertain environments, In the <i>US-AUS Robotics &amp; Autonomy Workshop</i> , Adelaide, Australia

[Invited talk to pitch research idea]

- 2015 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, G. Haffari and T. Washio, Beyond tf-idf and cosine distance in documents dissimilarity measure, In the *11th Conference of Asia Information Retrieval Societies (AIRS)*, Brisbane, Australia [Poster]
- 2014 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, G. Haffari and T. Washio, Mp-dissimilarity: A data dependent dissimilarity measure, In the *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, Shenzhen, China [Talk]

## Grants, Honours & Awards

- 2015 Asian Information Retrieval Society (AIRS) student travel award to attend AIRS conference in Brisbane, Australia
- 2015 Monash Institute of Graduate Research (MIGR) student travel grant to attend AIRS conference in Brisbane, Australia
- 2014 Alberta Innovates Centre for Machine Learning (AICML) student travel award to attend IEEE ICDM in Shenzhen, China
- 2014 Monash Institute of Graduate Research (MIGR) student travel grant to attend IEEE ICDM in Shenzhen, China
- 2013 Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) for PhD at Monash University
- 2012 Best Poster Award at the Faculty of IT higher degrees by research conference, Monash University
- 2012 Monash Postgraduate Publication Award (PPA)
- 2012 Research student stipend for MIT(Research) from a research grant funded by US Air Force Research Laboratory awarded to Prof. Kai Ming Ting
- 2009 Research student scholarship by a research grant funded by European Research Council awarded to Dr. Jan Ramon
- 2007 Dean's award for outstanding academic achievement by University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
- 2007 Academic scholarships during MIT(Coursework) study at USQ
- 2006 ISACA prize by Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Brisbane Chapter
- 2001 Outstanding student full tuition fee waiver scholarship to study BIT

## Service to the Profession

- 2019 Program Committee Member - AAAI 2019 and PAKDD 2019
- 2018 Reviewer - The 27th International Symposium on Industrial Electronics (ISIE) 2018
- 2017 Reviewer - International Workshop on Effective Engineering Education (IWEEE) 2017

## Professional Memberships & Associations

- 2008- Australian Computer Society
- 2014- IEEE Computer Society
- 2014- IEEE Young Professionals