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INTERESTS

Deep learning: concepts and implementations; neuro-symbolic learning (combination of symbolic- and deep learning); developing machine learning models to address real-world problems; applications of stochastic and evolutionary optimisation.

EDUCATION

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, India   Jan 2017 – present
Ph.D. in Machine Learning
Topic: *Incorporating Symbolic Domain-Knowledge into Deep Neural Networks for Relational Data*
Advisor: Ashwin Srinivasan

Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology Burla, India   Jul 2012 – Jun 2014
M.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering (*GPA: 9.78/10; University medalist*)
Thesis: *Pattern Recognition using Soft Computing Approaches*
Advisor: H.S. Behera

National Institute of Science and Technology, Berhampur, India   Aug 2008 – Jul 2012
B.Tech. in Information Technology (*GPA: 8.91/10; Institute medalist*)

EXPERIENCE

APPCAIR, BITS Pilani   Jun 2020 – present
Assistant Professor (Grade-II)
Grants: The TCS DataLab (Co-PI), The Reflexis CoLab (Co-PI)

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani   Aug 2015 – present
Assistant Professor (Grade-II), Dept. of Computer Science, K.K. Birla Goa Campus
Teaching: Deep Learning*, Neural Networks*, Machine Learning*, AI, Database Systems
Research: Member of Data Science Research Group
Others: Mentoring undergraduate and graduate research projects, Coach for ACM-ICPC

National Institute of Science & Technology Berhampur   May 2016 – Jul 2016
Summer Research Fellow, Center for Multiscale Modelling
Advisor: Prabhat K. Sahu (Now at: Sambalpur University)
Research: Protein Sequence Analysis using Machine Learning Methods

Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata   May 2015 – Jul 2015
IASc-INSA-NASI Summer Research Fellow, ECS Unit
Advisor: Nikhil R. Pal
Research: Studying the effects of various distance measures on Self Organizing Feature Map

National Institute of Science & Technology Berhampur   Jun 2014 – Aug 2015
Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science
Teaching: Analysis and Design of Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming
Research: Member of Center for Multiscale Modelling, Data Science Group

Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology Burla   Aug 2012 – May 2014
Teaching Assistant
Duties: Computer labs, Course tutorials

Selected Honors & Awards

ICML 2021 Workshop on Computational Biology Fellowship	2021
Selected to participate at the **Google Research India Graduate Symposium**	2021
AWSAR Award 2019 from DST, Govt. of India (Country Rank: **9** in Best-100 Category)	2020
Best Student Research Paper Award from Machine Learning Journal in ILP	2018
Travel Grant from EurAI to attend ACAI-2018, Ferrara, Italy	2018
Summer Research Fellowship from NIST Berhampur	2016
IASc-INSA-NASI Summer Research Fellowship	2015
Qualified **Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)**	2012, 2015
Qualified **UGC National Eligibility Test (NET)**	2014
University Silver Medal for Best Post Graduate in Computer Science and Engineering	2014
GATE Scholarship from MHRD, India during my masters' studies	2012–2014
Participated in the Regional Round of the **ACM ICPC**	2012, 2013
Institute Silver Medal for Best Graduate in Information Technology	2013

Sponsored Proposals

1. R.P. Pradhan, T. Dash (Co-PI): Indian Ocean Region Seaport and vessel traffic atlas project for classroom teaching; Received funding of INR 1,40,000.00 from Teaching-Learning Center, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus for Oct 2021 – Mar 2022

2. T. Dash: The TCS DataLab Project; Received funding of INR 6,19,500.00 from TCS Research, India for Jul 2021 – Dec 2021

3. T. Dash: The TCS DataLab Project; Received funding of INR 6,19,500.00 from TCS Research, India for Jan 2021 – Jun 2021

4. A. Srinivasan, T. Dash (Co-PI): The TCS DataLab Project; Received funding of INR 25,50,000.00 from TCS Research, India for Jul 2019 – Jul 2020

5. A. Srinivasan, T. Dash (Co-PI): The CoLab Project; Received funding of INR 25,00,000.00 from Reflexis Systems, USA for Jul 2019 – Dec 2019

6. A. Srinivasan, T. Dash (Co-PI): The TCS DataLab Project; Received funding of INR 25,00,000.00 from TCS Research, India for Jan 2019 – Jun 2019

Refereed Journal Publications

1. T. Dash, S. Chitlangia, A. Ahuja, A. Srinivasan, "A Review of Some Techniques for Inclusion of Domain-Knowledge into Deep Neural Networks", *Nature Scientific Reports*, 2022, DOI: 10.1038/s41598-021-04590-0.

2. I. Olier, O.I. Orhobor, T. Dash, A. Davis, L.N. Soldatova, J. Vanschoren, R.D. King, "Transformational machine learning: Learning how to learn from many related scientific problems", *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the U.S.A.*, 2021, DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2108013118.

3. T. Dash, A. Srinivasan, A. Baskar, "Inclusion of domain-knowledge into GNNs using mode-directed inverse entailment", *Machine Learning*, 2021, DOI: 10.1007/s10994-021-06090-8.

4. T. Dash, A. Srinivasan, L. Vig, "Incorporating symbolic domain knowledge into graph neural networks", *Machine Learning*, 2021, DOI: 10.1007/s10994-021-05966-z.

5. R. Kaushik, S. Jain, S. Jain, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Performance evaluation of deep neural networks for forecasting time-series with multiple structural breaks and high volatility", *CAAI Transactions on Intelligence Technology*, 2021, DOI: 10.1049/cit2.12002.

6. R.R. Swain, <u>T. Dash</u>, P.M. Khilar, "Lightweight approach to automated fault diagnosis in WSNs", *IET Networks*, 2020, DOI: 10.1049/iet-net.2019.0117.

7. R.R. Swain, <u>T. Dash</u>, P.M. Khilar, "A complete diagnosis of faulty sensor modules in a wireless sensor network", *Ad Hoc Networks*, 2019, DOI: 10.1016/j.adhoc.2019.101924.

8. <u>T. Dash</u>, S.N. Dambekodi, P.N. Reddy, A. Abraham, "Adversarial neural networks for playing hide-and-search board game Scotland Yard", *Neural Computing and Applications*, 2018, DOI: 10.1007/s00521-018-3701-0.

9. <u>T. Dash</u>, H.S. Behera, "A comprehensive study on evolutionary algorithm-based multilayer perceptron for real-world data classification under uncertainty", *Expert Systems*, 2018, DOI: 10.1111/exsy.12327. (▷ Listed in journal's most read articles in 2020)

10. R.R. Swain, P.M. Khilar, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Fault diagnosis and its prediction in wireless sensor networks using regressional learning to achieve fault tolerance", *International Journal of Communication Systems*, 2018, DOI: 10.1002/dac.3769.

11. R.R. Swain, P.M. Khilar, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Multifault diagnosis in WSN using a hybrid metaheuristic trained neural network", *Digital Communications and Networks*, 2018, DOI: 10.1016/j.dcan.2018.02.001.

12. R.R. Swain, P.M. Khilar, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Neural network based automated detection of link failures in wireless sensor networks and extension to a study on the detection of disjoint nodes", *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing*, 2018, DOI: 10.1007/s12652-018-0709-3.

13. P.P. Pai, <u>T. Dash</u>, S. Mondal, "Sequence-based discrimination of protein-RNA interacting residues using a probabilistic approach", *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, 2017, DOI: 10.1016/j.jtbi.2017.01.040.

14. R.R. Swain, <u>T. Dash</u>, P.M. Khilar, "An effective graph-theoretic approach towards simultaneous detection of fault(s) and cut(s) in wireless sensor networks", *International Journal of Communication Systems*, 2017, DOI: 10.1002/dac.3273.

15. <u>T. Dash</u>, "A study on intrusion detection using neural networks trained with evolutionary algorithms", *Soft Computing*, 2015, DOI: 10.1007/s00500-015-1967-z.

16. <u>T. Dash</u>, "Automatic navigation of wall following mobile robot using Adaptive Resonance Theory of Type-1", *Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures*, 2015, DOI: 10.1016/j.bica.2015.04.008.

17. <u>T. Dash</u>, P.K. Sahu, "Gradient Gravitational Search: An Efficient Metaheuristic Algorithm for Global Optimization", *Journal of Computational Chemistry*, 2015, DOI: 10.1002/jcc.23891.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

1. G. Chhablani, A. Sharma, H. Pandey, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Superpixel-based Knowledge Infusion in Deep Neural Networksfor Image Classification", *ACM Southeast Regional Conference* (ACMSE), 2022, Virtual, USA, DOI: 10.1145/3476883.3520216. (accepted; Preprint)

2. A. Sonwane, G. Shroff, L. Vig, A. Srinivasan, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Solving Visual Analogies Using Neural Algorithmic Reasoning", *AAAI Student Abstract and Poster Program* (SA-22), 2022. (accepted; Preprint) [CORE: A*]

3. S. Chitlangia, A. Sonwane, <u>T. Dash</u>, L. Vig, A. Srinivasan, G. Shroff, "Using Program Synthesis and Inductive Logic Programming to solve Bongard Problems", *10th International Workshop on Approaches and Applications of Inductive Programming* (AAIP), 2021, Online.

4. <u>T. Dash</u>, A. Srinivasan, L. Vig, A. Roy, "Using Domain-Knowledge to Assist Lead Discovery in Early-Stage Drug Design", *30th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming* (ILP), 2021, Online, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-97454-1_6. [CORE: B]

5. H. Shah, A. Vaswani, <u>T. Dash</u>, R. Hebbalaguppe, A. Srinivasan, "Empirical Study of Data-Free Iterative Knowledge Distillation", *30th International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks* (ICANN), 2021, Online, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-86365-4_44. [CORE: B]

6. A. Sharma, H. Pandey, G. Chhablani, Y. Bhartia, <u>T. Dash</u>, "LRG at SemEval-2021 Task 4: Improving Reading Comprehension with Abstract Words using Augmentation, Linguistic Features and Voting", *The 15th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation* (SemEval), 2021, Online, DOI: 10.18653/v1/2021.semeval-1.21.

7. K. Mahajan, M. Sharma, L. Vig, R. Khincha, S. Krishnan, A. Niranjan, <u>T. Dash</u>, A. Srinivasan, G. Shroff, "CovidDiagnosis: Deep Diagnosis of Covid-19 Patients using Chest X-rays", *MICCAI Workshop on Thoracic Image Analysis* (TIA), 2020, Lima, Peru, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-62469-9_6.

8. S. Krishnan, R. Khincha, L. Vig, <u>T. Dash</u>, A. Srinivasan, "A Case Study of Transfer of Lesion-Knowledge", *MICCAI Workshop on Medical Image Learning with Less Labels and Imperfect Data* (MIL3ID), 2020, Lima, Peru, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-61166-8_15.

9. S. Yalburgi, <u>T. Dash</u>, R. Hebbalaguppe, S. Hegde, A. Srinivasan, "An Empirical Study of Iterative Knowledge Distillation for Neural Network Compression", *28th European Symposium on Artificial Neural Networks, Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning* (ESANN), 2020, Bruges, Belgium. [CORE: B]

10. <u>T. Dash</u>, A. Srinivasan, R.S. Joshi, A. Baskar, "Discrete Stochastic Search and Its Application to Feature-Selection for Deep Relational Machines", *28th International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks* (ICANN), 2019, Munich, Germany, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-30484-3_3. [CORE: B]

11. <u>T. Dash</u>, A. Srinivasan, L. Vig, O.I. Orhobor, R.D. King, "Large-Scale Assessment of Deep Relational Machines", *28th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming* (ILP), 2018, Ferrara, Italy, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-99960-9_2. [CORE: B] (▷ Best Student Paper Award)

12. P.S.M. Saladi, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Genetic Algorithm-Based Oversampling Technique to Learn from Imbalanced Data", *7th International Conference on Soft Computing for Problem Solving* (SocProS), 2017, IIT Bhubaneswar, India, DOI: 10.1007/978-981-13-1592-3_30.

13. S. Iyer, S. Chaturvedi, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Image Captioning-Based Image Search Engine: An Alternative to Retrieval by Metadata", *7th International Conference on Soft Computing for Problem Solving* (SocProS), 2017, IIT Bhubaneswar, India, DOI: 10.1007/978-981-13-1595-4_14.

14. R.R. Swain, <u>T. Dash</u>, P.M. Khilar, "Investigation of RBF Kernelized ANFIS for Fault Diagnosis in Wireless Sensor Networks", *International Conference on Computational Intelligence* (ICCI), 2017, IIT Kanpur, India, DOI: 10.1007/978-981-13-1135-2_20.

15. A. Saboo, A. Sharma, <u>T. Dash</u>, "GASOM: Genetic Algorithm Assisted Architecture Learning in Self Organizing Maps", *24th International Conference on Neural Information Processing* (ICONIP), 2017, Guangzhou, China, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-70087-8_25. [CORE: A]

16. P.N. Reddy, S.N. Dambekodi, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Towards Continuous Monitoring of Environment under Uncertainty: A Fuzzy Granular Decision Tree Approach", *ISEC Workshop on Development aspects of Intelligent Adaptive Systems workshop* (DIAS), 2017, Jaipur, India

17. <u>T. Dash</u>, T. Nayak, R.R. Swain, "Controlling Wall Following Robot Navigation Based on Gravitational Search and Feed Forward Neural Network", *International Conference on Perception and Machine Intelligence* (PerMIn), 2015, Kolkata, India, DOI: 10.1145/2708463.2709070.

18. <u>T. Dash</u>, S.K. Nayak, H.S. Behera, "Hybrid Gravitational Search and Particle Swarm Based Fuzzy MLP for Medical Data Classification", *International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Data Mining* (ICCIDM), 2014, Burla, India DOI: [10.1007/978-81-322-2205-7_4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-81-322-2205-7_4).

19. R. Mohanty, <u>T. Dash</u>, B. Khan, S.P. Dash, "An Experimental Study of a Novel Move-to-Front-or-Middle (MFM) List Update Algorithm", *International Conference on Applied Algorithms* (ICAA), 2014, Kolkata, India, DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-04126-1_16](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-04126-1_16).

Selected Preprints

1. A. Sonwane, G. Shroff, L. Vig, A. Srinivasan, <u>T. Dash</u>, "Solving Visual Analogies Using Neural Algorithmic Reasoning", *arXiv*, 2021, DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2111.10361](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2111.10361)

2. <u>T. Dash</u>, S. Chitlangia, A. Ahuja, A. Srinivasan, "Incorporating Domain Knowledge into Deep Neural Networks", *arXiv*, 2021, DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2103.00180](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2103.00180).

3. R. Khincha, S. Krishnan, <u>T. Dash</u>, L. Vig, A. Srinivasan, "Constructing and Evaluating an Explainable Model for COVID-19 Diagnosis from Chest X-rays", *arXiv*, 2020, DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2012.10787](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2012.10787).

Patents

1. Method and System for Iterative Knowledge Distillation for Neural Network Compression (Filed at Indian Patent Office, Appl. No. 202021055409, 2021).

Participations & Talks

1. Invited Talk: "Human-in-the-Loop Machine Learning: Inclusion of Domain-Knowledge into Deep Neural Networks" at Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence, USA, February 25, 2022.

2. Indo-German Spring School on Algorithms for Big Data, IIT Bombay, February 18-22, 2019 (also delivered a talk on: "Learning in the Presence of Expert Knowledge: A talk on Inductive Logic Programming").

3. Google Faculty Institute Program, Google India, December 11, 2018. I actively participated in various practical sessions on ML@Google.

4. Summer School on Statistical Relational AI (ACAI), Univ. of Ferrara, Italy, August 27-31, 2018. I was awarded official credit for this course: 30 Hours, 5 ECTS credits.

Professional Services

Journal Reviewer (listing only the frequent ones, and when started)

IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics	2018
IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics	2018
Neural Processing Letters	2017
Information Fusion	2016

Program Committee Member

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-ECAI)	2022
AAAI–International Workshop on Combining Learning and Reasoning (CLeaR)	2022
International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA)	2022
International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)	2019–2022
International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming (ILP)	2019
International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks (ICANN)	2019–2022

Organising Committee Member

International Conference on Computational Intelligence (ICCI) at IIT Kanpur 2017

Computer Skills

GitHub	https://github.com/tirtharajdash
Languages	Python, MATLAB, C, C++, Unix shell
OS	Unix, Windows

Personal Details

DOB	July 3, 1991
Citizenship	Indian
Languages	English, Hindi, Odia, Sambalpuri
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