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RESEARCH INTERESTS & EXPERTISE

My expertise encompasses various branches of Machine Learning and Data Mining, such as **graph and hypergraph representation learning**, **adversarial machine learning**, and **hypergraph data mining**, with applications in cybersecurity, computational physics simulation, and human-centered AI.

My research contributions have been recognized through publications in premier venues such as **ICML**, **ICLR**, **AAAI**, and **VLDB**, among others, as well as two patents granted (filed) at the **UK (US) Intellectual Property Offices**.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Post-doctoral Research Fellow

College of Engineering and Architecture, Howard University

DC, USA

July 2025 - Now

Post-doctoral Research Fellow

Rolls-Royce@NTU Corporate Lab, NTU

Singapore

July 2021 - 2024

Post-doctoral Research Fellow

Department of Information Systems & Analytics, NUS

Singapore

July 2020 - July 2021

Research Assistant

Department of Computer Science, NUS

Singapore

Nov 2019 - June 2020

Full-time Lecturer

Department of Computer Science, United International University

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Jun 2014 - Jul 2015

Part-time Developer

Software Global Consultancy

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Jan 2014 - Mar 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral Research Fellow

PI: Professor Danda B. Rawat

College of Engineering and Architecture, Howard University

March 2025 - Now

- **Projects:** Develop, design, and evaluate secure, trustworthy, robust, fair, explainable AI systems and ML algorithms.

Post-doctoral Research Fellow

PI: Associate Professor Adams Wai Kin Kong

Rolls-Royce@NTU Corporate Lab, NTU

July 2021 - 2024

- **Projects:** (1) Super-resolution/-fidelity of CFD simulations. (2) Accelerating unsteady flow simulation with physics-based AI.

Research Fellow

PI: Assistant Professor UM Sungyong

Department of Information Systems & Analytics, NUS

July 2020 - July 2021

- **Project:** Co-evolution of software ecosystem networks.

Research Assistant

PI: Professor Tan Kian Lee

Department of Computer Science, NUS

Nov 2019 - June 2020

- **Project:** Random generation of hypergraphs with prescribed constraints.

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore (NUS)

PhD in Computer Science

Singapore

Aug 2015 - Nov 2020

- **Thesis:** Analysis and generation of data with topology from combinatorial representations

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)

Bachelors in Computer Science & Engineering

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Mar 2009 - Jul 2014

- **Thesis:** A Fuzzy Dominance Based Evolutionary Algorithm for solving many-objective optimisation problems.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

• Conference Proceedings

1. Bishwamitra Ghosh, Sarah Hasan, **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, and Arijit Khan. Consistency of language models for logic facts checking on knowledge graphs. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2025
2. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Debabrota Basu, Yulia Gel, and Yuzhou Chen. When witnesses defend: A witness graph topological layer for adversarial graph learning. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 2025
3. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Ehsan Bonabi Mobaraki, Arijit Khan, Yllka Velaj, and Francesco Bonchi. Estimate and reduce uncertainty in uncertain graphs. In *IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, 2024
4. *Loh Sher En Jessica, ***Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Wei Xian Lim, Wai Lee Chan, and Adams Wai Kin Kong. Finite volume features, global geometry representations, and residual training for deep learning-based cfd simulation. ICML (spotlight), 2024. * = equal contribution
5. Wei Xian Lim, **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Wai Lee Chan, and Adams Wai Kin Kong. Multi-order loss functions for accelerating unsteady flow simulations with physics-based ai. In *IEEE Conference on Artificial Intelligence (CAI)*, 2024
6. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Arijit Khan, Arpit Kumar Rai, and Bishwamitra Ghosh. Neighborhood-based hypergraph core decomposition. volume 16. VLDB Endowment, May 2023
7. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Debabrota Basu, Laurent Decreusefond, and Stéphane Bressan. Construction and random generation of hypergraphs with prescribed degree and dimension sequences. In *Database and Expert Systems Applications*, pages 130–145. Springer International Publishing, 2020
8. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Debabrota Basu, and Stéphane Bressan. Topological data analysis with ϵ -net induced lazy witness complex. In *Database and Expert Systems Applications*, pages 376–392. Springer International Publishing, 2019
9. **Naheed Anjum Arafat** and Stéphane Bressan. Hypergraph drawing by force-directed placement. In *International Conference on Database and Expert Systems Applications*, pages 387–394. Springer International Publishing, 2017

• Journals

10. Siddhartha Shankar Das, Md Monirul Islam, and **Naheed Anjum Arafat**. Evolutionary algorithm using adaptive fuzzy dominance and reference point for many-objective optimization. *Swarm and evolutionary computation*, 44:1092–1107, 2019

• Patents

11. Jessica Sher En Loh, **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Wai Kin Adams Kong, Wai Lee Chan, and Bryce D. Conduit. Fluid flow simulation, Oct 2024. Granted; Filed: 14 August, 2023; Granted: 8 October, 2024
12. Jessica Sher En Loh, **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Wai Kin Adams Kong, Wai Lee Chan, Bryce D. Conduit, Wei Xian Lim, and Thant Zin Oo. Fluid Flow Simulation, Feb 2025. Pending; Priority: Aug. 14, 2023; Filed: July 30, 2024

• Workshops/Posters

13. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Debabrota Basu, and Stéphane Bressan. ϵ -net induced lazy witness complexes on graphs. *Workshop on Applications of Topological Data Analysis (ATDA)*, held in conjunction with ECML-PKDD, 2019

• Preprints/Under-review

14. **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Debabrota Basu, Yulia Gel, and Danda B. Rawat. MeLA-D: Adversarial attacks and robust training for hypergraph neural networks via meta learning. 2026. AAAI (under review)
15. Siddhartha Shankar Das, **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, Muftiqur Rahman, S M Ferdous, Alex Pothan, and Mahantesh M Halappanavar. SGS-GNN: A supervised graph sparsifier for graph neural networks. 2025. ICDM (under review)
16. Mikel K. Nguajio, **Naheed Anjum Arafat**, and Danda B. Rawat. Evaluating hatefulness in fake news through llm and human alignment. 2026. AAAI (under review)
17. **Naheed Anjum Arafat** and Danda B. Rawat. EdgeMask-HGNN: Learning to sparsify hypergraphs for scalable node classification. 2026. AAAI (under review)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Graduate Assistant

NUS

Jan 2016 - 2019

I conducted weekly tutorials and held one-on-one consultation sessions for the following courses:

- **Big Data Techniques and Technologies (BT4221)**: Department Of Information Systems and Analytics, School of Computing - Semester 1, 2019.
- **Data Management and Warehousing (BT5110)**: Master Of Science Business Analytics Programme - Semester 1 of 2019, 2018 and 2017.
- **Information Visualisation (CS5346)**: Department of Computer Science, School of Computing - Semester 2, 2018.
- **Discrete Structures (CS1231)**: Department of Computer Science, School of Computing - Semester 1, 2016.
- **Programming Methodology (CS1010E)**: Department of Computer Science, School of Computing - Semester 2 of 2017 and 2016.

I designed course curriculum, prepared lecture notes, assignments, and exam questions, delivered lectures, conducted labs, and evaluated assignments and exam scripts. I was also involved in various administrative duties. The courses include:

- **Advanced Programming Languages:** Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015 trimesters.
- **Data Structures:** Fall 2014, Summer 2015 trimesters.
- **Discrete Mathematics:** Summer 2014 trimester.
- **Structured Programming Language:** Spring 2015 trimester.
- **Electric Circuits:** Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015 trimesters.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- I am fortunate to work with and train the following students in academic research:
 - **Mikel K. Ngueajio:** PhD student at Howard University, USA. (2025-Present)
 - **Siddhartha Shankar Das:** PhD student at Purdue University, USA. (2024-2025)
 - **Sarah Hasan:** PhD student at Aalborg University, Denmark. (2023-2024)
 - **Ehsan Bonabi Mobaraki:** PhD student at Aalborg University, Denmark. (2022-2023)
 - **Loh Sher En Jessica:** PhD student at Nanyang Technological University. (2021-2023)
 - **Bishwamittra Ghosh:** PhD student at National University of Singapore. (2021-2022)
 - **Arpit Kumar Rai:** Undergraduate student at IIT Kanpur (2021-2022)
 - **Debabrata Mahapatra:** PhD student at National University of Singapore (2019)

RESEARCH MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- **Research Equipment Purchasing**
 - I led the acquisition of a high-performance GPU server for experimenting with deep neural networks.
 - * I managed the entire procurement process, from preparing requirement specifications for Invitation-To-Quote (ITQ) and setting clear evaluation criteria to evaluating potential vendors and overseeing the installation, testing & commissioning of the server.
 - * I collaborated with the IT department to ensure seamless integration of the new equipment into ongoing research projects, significantly enhancing the computational capabilities of RR@NTU Corp Lab.
- **Grant Writing**
 - AI Singapore Research Grant.
 - * I collaborated with my PI (at NTU) on developing the grant proposal by proposing ideas for potential work packages and drafted sections of the grant application, such as discussing state-of-the-art and their limitations.

TALKS

- **Guest Lectures:**
 - * **Big Data Techniques and Technologies module (NUS):** I delivered two guest lectures on 'Practical data analysis using Amazon EMR and Sagemaker services' during Semester 1, 2020 offering of the undergraduate module BT4221.
 - * **Data Management and Warehousing module (NUS):** I delivered a hands-on lecture on 'developing retail-sales data mart using Pentaho' during Semester 1, 2018 offering of the masters module BT5111.
 - * **Information visualisation module (NUS):** I delivered a guest lecture on 'Graph and hypergraph data visualisation tools' during Semester 2, 2018 offering of the master's module CS5346.
- **Seminar Talks:**
 - * **Talk at Grand Valley State University, MI (2025):** Graph Data Mining and Learning: Modern Applications, Challenges and Paradigms
 - * **Moscow-Beijing Topology seminar (2022):** I presented my work on Topological data analysis.
 - * **DEXA (2020):** I presented my paper: *Construction and random generation of hypergraphs with prescribed degree and dimension sequences*
 - * **DEXA (2019):** I presented my paper: *Topological data analysis with ϵ -net induced lazy witness complex*.
 - * **E2S2-CREATE seminar (2019):** I gave a talk on *Topological Data Analysis* at E2S2-CREATE Seminar, Feb 2018 attended by 20+ researchers from E2S2 project funded by NRF

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- **PC Member:** AAAI (2026), AI for Social Impact Track (AISI) @ AAAI (2026), Australasian Database Conference (2025), CODS-COMAD (2024, 2025), TKDE (2023, 2021), SKIMA (2014).
- **Reviewer:** NeurIPS (2025, 2024), ICML (2025), ICLR (2025), MLG workshop @ECML-PKDD (2025), LLM+G Workshop@VLDB (2025), IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics & Security (2025), IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence (2025), ICDE (2025, 2018), LoG (2024), CIKM (2024), Journal of Applied and Computational Topology (2024), DASFAA (2020), DAWAK (2020), VLDB (2017), DEXA (2017).
- **Session Chair:** VLDB 2023 (Learning, Recommendations, Social Networks)
- **Co-organiser:** Co-organised 8th International Conference on Software, Knowledge, Information Management and Applications (SKIMA), 2014
- **Session Chair:** Chaired two sessions at NUS SoC-Telecom ParisTech joint workshop on Data Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, April 2018 attended by 20+ scholars from Telecom ParisTech and NUS.
- **Session Chair:** Chaired sessions at NUS School of Computing Research Workshop, March 2018 attended by 50+ scholars across Asia.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Distinguished PC member award:** [CODS-COMAD 2024](#)
- **NUS Research Scholarship** for PhD students (2015-2019).
- **Teaching Assistant Training Certificate** issued by the Centre for Development of Teaching & Learning (CDTL), NUS on applying 'Collaborative Learning' approaches.
- **Distinguished Poster Award** at Undergraduate Research Poster Presentation Workshop 2014, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BUET for presenting my undergraduate Capstone project
- **Inter-University Hardware Project Show Champion** award for showcasing the project titled 'Cell phone operated mini-car with surveillance' at CSE festival 2013, BUET.
- **Imdad-Sitara Khan Scholarship** for high-school studies (2006-2008) and undergraduate studies (2009-2013).

REFERENCES

Available upon request