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EDUCATION

Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University

Master of Science in Computer Science; GPA: 3.89/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning, Computer Vision, NLP, Distributed Systems

Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, University of Delhi

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering

Delhi, India

Jan 2020 - present

New York, NY

Aug 2012 - May 2016

EXPERIENCE

Product Labs, IIIT Hyderabad

Research Engineer

Hyderabad, India Jul 2019 - Dec 2019

- Implemented a pipeline for object detection and tracking in thermal images.
- Developed an end-to-end system for crowd-sourced speech data collection and transcription for 22 Indian languages.
- Architected a badminton player tracking tool used by Star Sports and a chatbot used by SBI (India's largest bank).

Laboratory for Computational Social Systems, IIIT Delhi

Research Associate

Delhi, India Aug 2018 - Jul 2019

• Researched on user, content and action level detection of blackmarket-driven collusion for gaining appraisals on Twitter using different embedding methods; and multimodal text summarization using hierarchical attention.

Microsoft Hyderabad, India

Software Engineer

Jun 2016 - Jul 2018

- Excel: Developed innovative ways of sharing Excel content, which are being productionized as a part of Fluid framework. Enabled integration of Excel with a messaging app and filed a patent with the USPTO for the same.
- Kaizala: Worked on a time-driven release of Kaizala messaging app's UWP application. Solved critical problems for workflows like heterogeneous message views and custom cards to ensure good performance.
- Skype for Business: Developed the Cloud Call Analytics feature for Skype for Business Server 2019, building a secure pipeline to upload call telemetry data online - among the most popular features of the 2019 release.
- Hackathon: Winner of the 2017 company-wide hackathon created a utility to scan and analyze receipts in Excel.

Projects

- Out-of-distribution detection: Collaborating with Prof. He He (NYU) on research to develop machine learning algorithms for detection of out-of-distribution data samples. (June 2020 - present)
- Covid News Analyzer: A web-based tool for analysis of Covid-19 articles on different metrics using ML. (link)
- Fashion Product Classification: Classification of product images using CNNs with multitask learning. (link)
- Automated Cricket Umpire: A tool to make umpiring decisions in the sport of cricket from a single smartphone camera feed using a ball tracking mechanism - used by NSIT cricket training academy. (git.io/cricketbtp)
- Guidance for Visually Impaired: A RPi-based device to detect crosswalks/staircases using contour detection, and a companion android app to activate the device and provide haptic feedback to users. (link)
- OS Algorithm Visualization App: A desktop/android app developed in Python used by NSIT faculty. (<u>link</u>)
- Chain Reaction Single Player: An Android game with bots of 10 difficulty levels that use a modified minimax algorithm with probability-based selection for faster computation - 10,000+ users and coverage by tech blogs. (link)
- NSIT Percentage Calculator: A webapp for analyzing college grades used by 20,000+ NSIT students. (link)

Publications

- Arora, U., Dutta, H., Joshi, B., Chetan, A., Chakraborty, T. (2020), Analyzing and detecting collusive users involved in blackmarket retweeting activities. ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology. (Impact Factor: 3.971)
- Arora, U., Paka, W., Chakraborty, T. (2019), Multitask learning for blackmarket tweet detection. In Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE/ACM International Conf. on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining (Acceptance rate: 15%)
- Yaday, S., Chakraborty, P., Mittal, P., Arora, U. (2018), Children aged 6-24 months like to watch YouTube videos but could not learn anything from them. Acta Paediatrica, doi:10.1111/apa.14291 (Impact Factor: 2.265)

Programming Skills

• Languages: Python, C/C++, Javascript, C#, Java

Tools/Frameworks: PyTorch, Keras, Git, MySQL