Utkarsh Patel

Education

May 2023 Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur Kharagpur, India

Dual Degree in Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering | CGPA 9.47/10

Minor in Computer Science and Engineering

May 2017 Shah Faiz Public School Ghazipur, India

All India Senior School Certificate Examination | Aggregate 94.8%

May 2015 Shah Faiz Public School Ghazipur, India

All India Secondary School Examination | CGPA 10/10

Research Projects

Feb 2021 – Hate Speech Detection 🔾 | Guides: Prof. Mainack Mondal and Prof. Animesh Mukherjee

- Ongoing Achieved 5.1% absolute improvement in F1-score by fine-tuning BERT on CMV dataset against baselines
 - o Projected attention weights to the original texts as heat maps to identify the keywords triggering hate
 - Created a corpus of 10,000+ politics-related posts containing 114,000+ comments using **Beautiful Soup**
 - Used NetworkX to build support and dispute networks of 7,000+ users to identify key users and communities

Aug 2020 - Detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder 🖸 | Guide: Prof. Debasis Samanta

Dec 2020 • Worked on the ABIDE dataset to extract and process resting-state functional MRI data using nilearn

- Used correlation-based approach to determine functional connectivity between regions of interest
- Implemented various ML algorithms to classify subjects as autistic or not from the connectivity matrices
- Achieved test accuracy of 0.68 and 0.65 using Support Vector Machines and K-Nearest Neighbors

Achievements

2021 Department Rank 1 among the Dual Degree (VIPES) students of the Department of E&ECE

2021 Secured Global Rank 70 among 12,000+ contestants in Google Kick Start (Round C)

2021 Qualified for Round 2 of Facebook Hacker Cup

2019 Secured department change to E&ECE by acquiring 9.69 CGPA at the end of the first year

Key Projects

Spring 2021 **Create-Debate Scraper (7)** | Web Scraping

- O Developed a web crawler to scrape all the debates from CreateDebate.com using **Beautiful Soup**
- Used NetworkX to construct graphs representing the nested structure of the comments in the threads
- o Incorporated features like sort-by, type, topic, time and state of the debate to narrow down the search space

Winter 2020 Targeted Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis 🗘 | Natural Language Processing

- Transformed the task to sentence-pair classification by constructing auxiliary sentences from target-aspect pairs
- Used Question Answering and Natural Language Inference methodologies for constructing auxiliary sentences
- Fine-tuned BERT on SentiHood dataset, achieved aspect F1-score 0.90 and sentiment AUC 0.98

Fall 2020 **Learning Algorithms (7)** | *Machine Learning*

- o Implemented Decision Trees to predict the increase in Covid-19 cases, used RE-pruning to prevent over-fitting
- o Implemented Naive Bayes classifier to predict patient length-of-stay in ICUs, used PCA for dimension reduction
- Used SVM and MLP classifier to predict the biodegradability of chemical from its molecular description

Skills

Languages C/C++, Python, MATLAB

Tools Git, Linux, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Pandas, Scikit-learn, NumPy

Relevant Coursework

Algorithms, Programming and Data Structures, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Expert Systems, Image Processing, Probability and Stochastic Processes, Matrix Algebra