

EDUCATION

Information Technology University, Lahore MS Data Science (CGPA: 3.84) Thesis Paper: Inverse Constrained Reinforcement Learning (<i>published at ICML</i>)	September 2019 – Present
University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore BS Electrical Engineering (CGPA: 3.52) Undergraduate Thesis/FYP: Single Channel Acoustic Source Separation And Speech Enhancement	August 2015 – May 2019
Government College University, Lahore Associate's Degree Pre-Engineering (Grade: A+)	August 2013 – May 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Machine Learning Engineer Scientific Computing Department, NetSol Technologies, Lahore.	February 2020 – Present
Research Assistant & Graduate Student Fellow Center of Artificial Intelligence and Computational Science, Information Technology University, Lahore. Research Advisor: Dr. Ali Ahmed.	July 2019 – June 2020
Research Intern Internet of Things Laboratory, Khwarizmi Institute of Computer Science, Lahore. Research Advisor: Dr. Ubaid Ullah Fayyaz.	July – September 2018
Junior Data Scientist ADD O AI, Lahore.	June – August 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - Discrete Mathematics Department Of Computer Science Information Technology University, Lahore.	September 2019 – January 2020
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PUBLICATIONS (IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

* denotes equal contribution

- D. Papadimitriou, U. **Anwar**, and D. Brown. Bayesian inverse constrained reinforcement learning. Under review at *NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Safe and Robust Control of Uncertain Systems*, 2021
- U. **Anwar***, S. Malik*, A. Aghasi, and A. Ahmed. Inverse constrained reinforcement learning. In *Proceedings of the 38th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2021. URL <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.09999>
- S. Malik*, U. **Anwar***, A. Ahmed, and A. Aghasi. Learning to solve differential equations across initial conditions. In *ICLR 2020 Workshop on Integration of Deep Neural Models and Differential Equations*, 2020. URL arxiv.org/abs/2003.12159

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Robust Imitation Learning With Respect To Dynamics Senior Collaborators: Dr. Ali Ahmed & Dr. Daniel Brown The project explores imitation learning in the setting where the imitator agent and the demonstrator agent do not have identical dynamics and or embodiments.	September 2021 – Current
Learning Constraints In Context Of Reinforcement Learning Senior Collaborators: Dr. Ali Ahmed & Dr. Alireza Aghasi The project explores the idea of using demonstrations from experts to solve the problem of reward misalignment in reinforcement learning.	August 2020 – Current
Label Informed Imputation Senior Collaborators: Dr. Ali Ahmed & Dr. Alireza Aghasi The project explores improving imputation performance by utilizing the labels present in classification and regression tasks. This can allow accurate imputation in otherwise impossible scenarios.	June 2021 – Current

Solving Partial Differential Equations Across Initial Conditions

August 2019 – January 2020

Senior Collaborators: Dr. Ali Ahmed & Dr. Alireza Aghasi

Showed that using generative adversarial training, Physics Informed Neural Networks (Raissi et al. 2018) can be enabled to generalize across initial conditions. The work has applications in aerodynamics, computational fluid modelling and various other engineering and scientific fields.

Acoustic Source Separation Using Deep Learning

September 2018 – May 2019

Undergraduate Senior Project • Advisor: Dr. Ubaid Ullah Fayyaz • Website: <https://acoustic-source-separation.github.io/>

Implemented Deep Clustering Algorithm (Hershey et al. 2015) in tensorflow and demonstrated its efficacy for the purposes of single channel speech separation from two speaker mixture. As a novel contribution, we showed that this technique could also be used to separate noise from mixtures and used for purposes of speech enhancement.

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS

Explainable Decision Making

Implemented and customized various methods for explaining and interpreting decisions made by machine learning systems. These included, but not limited to, gradient based saliency maps, SHAP and LIME. Further, an empirical study was conducted to understand what method works best under what circumstances. The findings were used to make a plethora of already developed machine learning systems explainable.

Callibrated Classifier Learning With Imbalanced Data

Lead the development of a machine learning based classifier learned from imbalanced data. By training the classifier under focal loss, a callibrated classifier was achieved allowing the use of softmax probabilities as uncertainty estimate.

Zero Shot Recommendation Engine

Developed a novel proprietry method for providing zero shot recommendations to first time customers based only on their partial profile data.

SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS

Paper Discovery System Via Topic Modelling

December 2019

Course: Information Systems

Demonstrated that using Embedded Topic Model (Dieng et al. 2018), unlabelled papers from NeurIPS could be categorized into semantically meaningful topics (e.g. reinforcement learning, neuroscience etc.). The topics could be used for downstream tasks such as article recommendation.

Imitation Learning On Atari Games

June 2020

Course: Deep Learning • Website: <https://uzman-anwar.github.io/projects/2020/06/28/DL-Project/>

Used Generative Adversarial Imitation Learning (Ho et al. 2016) to train a Reinforcement Learning agent from demonstrations of expert behaviour on two Atari games; *Pong* and *Breakout*.

Cloud Based Online Retailer Transactions and Clickstream Analytics

June 2020

Course: Big Data Analytics

Developed the backend of an eCommerce retailer website with the perspective of processing, storing, and analyzing large amounts of retail data. ETL pipelines were added to process and gather checkout, logging, user and sessions data in a scalable way. Further, different analytics were performed on this data using AWS Quicksight.

SKILLS

• Python (Numpy, Scipy, Matplotlib) • Pytorch • Tenorflow • C • SQL • NoSQL

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Managing Director & Co-Founder Spectra Magazine

April 2017 – May 2020

Spectra Magazine is a student-powered online magazine aiming to enhance public understanding of science and shape the narrative of science journalism in Pakistan. Read more about us at www.spectramagazine.org/about.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- *Free Registration Award* at virtual MLSS 2021 Taipei
- *Graduated Student Fellowship* for being the top student in ITU MSDS Program
- *Merit Scholarship*, ITU, Lahore
- *Honourable Mention* in International Kangaroo Mathematics Contest, 2009.