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Education

Pennsylvania State University

M.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

- GPA: 3.95/4.0
- Thesis: Mitigating unfairness in deep learning models

State College, U.S.A.

Aug. 2022 - May. 2024

Manipal Institute of Technology

B.TECH IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

- GPA: 8.71/10.0

Manipal, India

Jul. 2016 - May. 2020

Skills

Languages Python, Java, JavaScript, C, C++, Swift

Frameworks Django, Spring, NodeJS, ReactJS, PyTorch, Tensorflow, OpenCV, Numpy, Huggingface, NLTK, OpenSSL, Gurobi

Tools Docker, Git, Jenkins

Databases MongoDB, MySQL, Redis

Work Experience

Pennsylvania State University | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Worked on mitigating unfairness in deep learning and developing language models for conversational task assistants.
- Designed a novel algorithm for processing conversational data and implemented multi-GPU training of LLMs.
- Developed prototype algorithms that repairs neurons to improve fairness without compromising model performance.

State College, U.S.A.

Jan 2023 - Aug. 2023

Tata Consultancy Services | SECURITY RESEARCHER

- Designed and implemented a federated learning algorithm using homomorphic encryption and differential privacy.
- Developed a single-round secure aggregation protocol for federated-learning that is 3x faster than related works.
- Designed a data processing algorithm to process network logs for machine learning applications.
- Designed an algorithm using autoencoders to detect malicious behavior from network logs.

Bangalore, India

Sep. 2020 - Jun. 2022

Citrix R&D | SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN

- Worked as a full-stack developer in the Citrix Analytics for Security (CAS) team.
- Developed interactive dashboards for analyzing sensitive data to identify malicious user behavior in an enterprise.
- Developed and implemented a trust service to validate API calls to prevent malicious and unauthorized requests.

Bangalore, India

Jan. 2020 - Jun. 2020

Nanyang Technological University | SECURITY RESEARCHER INTERN

- Developed algorithms to generate optimized hardware implementations of block ciphers.
- Proposed algorithm generated the best-known implementation of the AES MixColumn matrix using XOR2 and XOR3 gates.

Singapore

Dec. 2019 - Jan. 2020

Tata Consultancy Services | SECURITY RESEARCHER INTERN

- Worked on preventing adversarial attacks on CNNs and explainable AI to understand how CNNs classify images.
- Developed an algorithm using denoising autoencoders to remove adversarial noise added to RGB images.
- Proposed algorithm was 80% effective in removing adversarial noise added to ResNet-based CNNs.

Hyderabad, India

May 2019 - July 2019

Projects

Data Extraction from Large Language Models | PRIVACY OF MACHINE LEARNING

- Helped design attacks to extract training data from LLMs trained using federated learning.
- Proposed attack extracts training sequences verbatim from targeted victim participants in federated learning.

Side Channel Attacks on Stream Ciphers | HARDWARE SECURITY

- Helped design a framework to perform side-channel attacks on stream ciphers using machine learning and linear programming.
- Designed and implemented a novel machine learning algorithm to identify the hamming weight from oscilloscope electromagnetic traces.

CurrenSee | ANDROID MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATION

- Developed an Android application to count the value of Indian bank notes from live images using machine learning.
- Designed a simple GUI with accessibility features to assist the visually impaired in using the application.

Theia.ai | IOS MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATION

- Developed an iOS application to aid the visually impaired traverse unfamiliar external environments.
- Designed an algorithm using CNNs running on the iPhone for path planning and traversal using the live camera feed.

Accomplishments

- 2021 **Award**, Received \$500 award from DAGsHub for completing the ML Reproducibility Challenge 2021
- 2020 **Award**, Three-time recipient of TCS Citation Award for outstanding research and contribution to TCS Research
- 2019 **Winner**, Best Project Award out of 13 teams (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) - 3D coordinate estimation from 2D images
- 2018 **Runner up**, Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition (IGVC) - Interoperability Profiles Challenge out of 26 teams