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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin	2019-2024
PhD Computational Linguistics	GPA:3.9/4
University of Rochester	2017-2019
MS Computational Linguistics	GPA:3.75/4
Indian Institute of Technology Madras	2012-2017
Dual Degree(B.Tech & M.Tech) Biological Engineering	GPA:8.68/10

WORK EXPERIENCE

Amazon - Alexa Applied Scientist Intern

Summer 2021

Natural Language Processing & Understanding

VIRTUAL

Implemented an unsupervised method for detecting data drift in NLU models, and validated the approach on simulated and real-world drift. Received return internship offer for summer 2022.

SELECT PAPERS

Govindarajan, V. S., B. T. Chen, R. Warholic, K. Erk & J. J. Li. 2020. Help! Need Advice on Identifying Advice. In Proceedings of The 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).

Govindarajan, V., B. V. Durme & A. S. White. 2019. Decomposing Generalization: Models of Generic, Habitual, and Episodic Statements. Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL) 7. 501–517.

SKILLS

Programming Languages Python, Swift, Javascript, R, MATLAB, LISP, C, C++

Tools & Frameworks pyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Transformers, SciPy, Pandas, nltk, SQL, Docker, Lander, Lander

Languages English(native), Tamil(native), Hindi(intermediate)

APPS

DeTeXt: I built an open source app for iOS, iPadOS and macOS that predicts the best LaTeX commands corresponding to hand-drawn symbols using deep neural networks. Built using SwiftUI, Combine, PencilKit and CoreML, the app has 4000+ installs.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-organizer of Texas South by Semantics Workshop 2022 with Samuel Cantor.

Primary Reviewer at SIGDIAL 2022.

Texas Linguistics Society(TLS) Conference 2022 & 2021 Organizing Committee.