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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin — 2019–
PhD Computational Linguistics

University of Rochester — 2017–2019
MS Computational Linguistics
Thesis: Decomposing Generalization | Advisor: Prof. Aaron Steven White

Indian Institute of Technology Madras — 2012–2017
Dual Degree(B.Tech & M.Tech) Biological Engineering
Thesis: Direction Maps in the Whisker Barrel Cortex | Advisor: Prof. Srinivasa Chakravarthy

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational Semantics & Pragmatics, Natural Language Processing

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Amazon Alexa Applied Scientist Intern — Summer 2021
Unsupervised Drift detection – NLP, NLU — Virtual
- Implemented an unsupervised method for detecting data drift in NLU models.
- Validated the approach on simulated and real-world drift.

PAPERS

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

White, A. S., E. Stengel-Eskin, S. Vashishtha, **V. S. Govindarajan**, et al. 2020. The Universal Decompositional Semantics Dataset and Decomp Toolkit. In *Proceedings of The 12th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference*, 5698–5707. Marseille, France: European Language Resources Association.

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* 7. 501–517.

TALKS

Govindarajan, **V. S.**, B. T. Chen, R. Warholic, K. Erk & J. J. Li. 2020b. Help! Need Advice on Identifying Advice. Presented at *The 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*. Virtual. Nov 16-20 2020.

Govindarajan, **V.**, B. V. Durme & A. S. White. 2020. Decomposing Generalization: Models of Generic , Habitual, and Episodic Statements. Presented at *The 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics*. Virtual. July 5-10 2020.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Linguistic Intergroup Bias	2020-
Research Project – Computational Semantics & Pragmatics	UT Austin
Advisor: Prof. David Beaver, Prof. Junyi Jessy Li	

Advice in Online Forums	2019-20
Research Project – Computational Semantics & Discourse	UT Austin
Advisor: Prof. Junyi Jessy Li	

Decomposing Generalization	2018-19
MS Thesis – Computational Semantics	University of Rochester
Advisor: Prof. Aaron Steven White	

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

UT Austin

Machine Learning Toolbox for Text Analysis	Spring 2021
Analyzing Linguistic Data and Programming for Linguists	Spring 2020
Introduction to Computational Linguistics	Fall 2019

University of Rochester

Introduction to Computational Linguistics	Fall 2018

IIT Madras

Data Structures and Algorithms for Biology	Fall 2016

SKILLS

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

Tools & Frameworks pyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Huggingface Transformers, SciPy, Pandas, nltk, Docker, LaTeX, Jupyter, Unix, SwiftUI, Combine, CoreML

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

APPS

DeTeXt: An open source app for iPhone, iPad and Mac that predicts the best LaTeX commands corresponding to hand-drawn symbols using deep neural networks. Built using SwiftUI, Combine, PencilKit and CoreML.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Texas Linguistics Society(TLS) 2021 Organizing Committee.

AWARDS

COLA Supplemental Graduate School Fellowship	Spring 2020
Silver medal at International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM)	Fall 2016
Indian Biological Engineering Competition (iBEC) grant for INR 1,000,000	Fall 2016
National BIRAC-IdeaThon on Antimicrobial Resistance Finalist	Fall 2016
Second runner up in 3M-CII Young Innovators Challenge	Spring 2015