Yash MEHTA

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Born : Dec 1995 (27 years), India

HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

Research Experience

Present – October 2023 | Harvard Medical School, USA, Researcher

SUPERVISOR : Pranav Rajpurkar

- Building knowledge graphs for radiology headCT free text reports for comprehensive radiology report generation. Combining LLMs, Retrieval Augmented Generation, Knowledge Graph and Vector Databases.

Langchain | Knowlege Graphs | LLMs

Sept 2023 – January 2022 | HHMI Janelia Research Campus, USA, Research Engineer 2

SUPERVISOR : James Fitzgerald

- Working on meta-learning synaptic plasticity rules in a connectome-constraint artificial neural network in collaboration with **Larry Abbott**'s lab at the Zuckerman Institute, Columbia.
- Working closely with experimental labs to fit our model to actual fly data.

JAX | Meta-learning | Neural Networks

December 2021 – September 2020 | AutoML Lab Freiburg, GERMANY, Research Engineer

SUPERVISOR : Frank Hutter

- Worked on developing and benchmarking efficient algorithms for evolving optimal neural network architectures for various computer vision tasks.
- Lead developer of open-source library, *NASLib* for fundamental neural architecture search research.

PyTorch | Neural Architecture Search | Transformers

July 2020 – January 2019 | Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit, UK, Research Intern

SUPERVISORS : Peter Latham, Tim Lillicrap (**Google DeepMind**)

- *Main Project* : worked on perturbation-based learning rules as candidates for credit assignment in the brain, by investigating their performance on artificial neural networks.
- *Side Project* : Worked on improving the performance of biologically-plausible convolutional networks with a combination of backprop and local Hebbian plasticity.

JAX | Bio-plausible Learning | Neural Networks

Publications

Erdos Number : 3

MODEL-BASED INFERENCE OF SYNAPTIC PLASTICITY RULES FROM NEURAL ACTIVITY 2023

Yash Mehta, Danil Tyulmankov, Yoshi Aso, Glenn Turner, Jan Funke, James Fitzgerald

under review (**ICLR**)

AN EMPIRICAL INVESTIGATION OF PERTURBATION-BASED METHODS TO TRAIN DEEP NEURAL NETWORKS 2023

Yash Mehta, Naoki Hiratani, Peter Humphreys, Peter Latham, Timothy Lillicrap

Under review | GitHub

STABILITY AND SCALING OF NODE PERTURBATION LEARNING 2022

Naoki Hiratani, Yash Mehta, Timothy Lillicrap, Peter Latham

Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**) | Paper

NAS-BENCH-SUITE : NAS EVALUATION IS (NOW) SURPRISINGLY EASY 2022

Yash Mehta*, Colin White*, Arber Zela, Arjun Krishnakumar, Guri Zabergja, Shakiba Moradian, Mahmoud Safari, Frank Hutter

International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**) | Paper

TOWARDS BIOLOGICALLY PLAUSIBLE CONVOLUTIONAL NETWORKS 2021

Roman Pogodin, Yash Mehta, Timothy Lillicrap, Peter Latham

Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**) | Paper

Multi-Task Learning for Emotion and Personality Detection 2021
Yang Li, Amir Kazameini, Yash Mehta, Erik Cambria
Neurocomputing | Impact Factor : 5.72 | Paper

Up and Down : Modelling Personality with Psycholinguistic Features and Language Models 2020
Yash Mehta*, Samin Fatehi*, Amir Kazameini, Clemens Stachl, Erik Cambria
IEEE International Conference of Data Mining (ICDM) | Paper

Recent Trends in Deep Learning-Based Personality Detection 2020
Yash Mehta, Navonil Majumder, Alexander Gelbukh, Erik Cambria
Artificial Intelligence Review | Impact Factor : 9.58 | 8,500+ Accesses | Paper

Education

Aug'14 - Jul'18 **Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS Pilani)**, India
Computer Science, Bachelor of Engineering (Honors)

- *Relevant Coursework* : Parallel Computing, Theory of Computation, Information Retrieval, Data Structures and Algorithms, Advanced Algorithms.
- Varsity squash team captain and Varsity badminton team vice-captain.

Jan'18 - Jul'18 **Nanyang Technology University (NTU),** Singapore
Applied Deep Learning, Undergraduate Research Thesis

- Worked on automated personality prediction from written essays using pre-trained Large Language Models (LLMs), for e.g. BERT, RoBERTa.
- Wrote a literature survey on methods for personality prediction using Deep Learning.
- Completed the Deep Learning Coursera online specialization by Andrew Ng.

Industry Experience

December 2018 – July 2018 **Amazon, India,** Software Development Engineer

- Worked as a full-time software developer as part of the Amazon Prime Music team using the AWS technology stack.
- Won **second prize** in the Global Amazon ML Hackathon, leading a team of 6 software developers. Created a prototype for automated emotion detection from songs using LSTMs.
- Quit job to pursue academic research.

AWS | Data Pipelines | Software Development

Past Editorial Board Membership

Managing Guest Editor - Special Issue

Future-Generation Personality Prediction from Digital Footprints

FGCS | Elsevier International Journal | Impact Factor : 7.31

Organized a successful special issue in the Elsevier international journal, Future Generation Computing Systems (FGCS) on automated personality prediction with Deep Learning. The other guest editors in the team were **Prof Bjorn Schuller** (Imperial College), **Prof Clemens Stachl** (Uni St.Gallen), **Prof Joeseph T Yun** (UIUC) and **Prof Konstantin Markov** (Uni Aizu).

Teaching Assistant

- **Deep Learning** (WS'21), MSc.Course, Freiburg
- **Deep Learning Lab** (SS'21), MSc.Course, Freiburg
- **Intro to NLP** (SS'18), BSc.Course, NTU Singapore
- **Advanced Algorithms** (SS'17), Bsc.Course, BITS
- **Data Structures & Algo** (WS'17), Bsc.Course, BITS

Interests

- **Teaching** : Took intro ML classes @local high school
- **Videography** : Created "ResearchBridge" video interview series
- **Solo travel** : Backpacked the Himalayas, Europe and Eastern Australia
- **Running** : Half marathon personal best : 1h 46m

References

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