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# EDUCATION

North Carolina State University

Ph.D. Computer Science - GPA: 3.9/4.0

**PES** University

B.E. Computer Science - GPA: 7.9/10.0

Raleigh, NC Aug. 2019 - Present

Bangalore, India

Aug. 2015 - May 2019

EMPLOYMENT

Amazon Bellevue, WA

Software Dev Engineer Intern

May 2022 - Jul 2022

• Worked on publishing announcements in scorecards used by delivery service partners (DSPs).

o Technology: React, Redux Saga, AWS (ECS, DynamoDB), Java

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, NC

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan. 2020 - May 2022

o Better, faster deep learning for software engineering; V&V for AI systems; reuse in SE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2019 - Jan. 2020

• Held office hours for 54 undergraduate students and delivered lectures on C++.

Indian Institute of Astrophysics

Bangalore, India

Jul. 2018 - Mar. 2019

- Image denoising: Worked on image restoration of globular clusters using convolutional neural networks.
- Research: Proposed novel adaptive learning rate scheme for deep neural networks.

# Publications

Research Intern

Yedida, R., Kang, H. J., Tu, K., Lo, D., & Menzies, T. (2022). How to Find Actionable Static Analysis Warnings. arXiv preprint arXiv:2205.10504

Yedida, R., Menzies, T. (2022). How to Improve Deep Learning for Software Analytics (a case study with code smell detection). In 2022 IEEE/ACM 19th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR). IEEE, 2022...

Yedida, R., Krishna, R., Kalia, A., Menzies, T., Xiao, J., & Vukovic, M. (2022). Partitioning Cloud-based Microservices (via Deep Learning). arXiv preprint arXiv:2109.14569.

Baldassarre, M. T., Ernst, N., Hermann, B., Menzies, T., & Yedida, R. (2021). (Re)use of Research Results (is Rampant). arXiv preprint arXiv:2108.06821

Yedida, R., & Saha, S. (2021). Beginning with Machine Learning: A Comprehensive Primer. The European Physical Journal Special Topics: 1-82.

Agrawal, A., Yang, X., Agrawal, R., Yedida, R., Shen, X., & Menzies, T. (2021). Simpler Hyperparameter Optimization for Software Analytics: Why, How, When?. IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, doi: 10.1109/TSE.2021.3073242

Yang, X., Chen, J., Yedida, R., Yu, Z., & Menzies, T. (2021). Learning to recognize actionable static code warnings (is intrinsically easy). Empirical Software Engineering, 26(3), 1-24.

Yedida, R., & Menzies, T. (2021). On the Value of Oversampling for Deep Learning in Software Defect Prediction. IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, doi: 10.1109/TSE.2021.3079841

Yedida, R., Krishna, R., Kalia, A., Menzies, T., Xiao, J., & Vukovic, M. (2021). Lessons learned from hyper-parameter tuning for microservice candidate identification. Proceedings of the thirty-sixth IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE).

**Yedida, R.**, Yang, X., & Menzies, T. (2021). Old but Gold: Reconsidering the value of feedforward learners for software analytics. *arXiv* preprint *arXiv*:2101.06319.

Saha, S., Nagaraj, N., Mathur, A., **Yedida, R.**, & Sneha, H. R. (2020). Evolution of novel activation functions in neural network training for astronomy data: habitability classification of exoplanets. *The European Physical Journal Special Topics*, 229(16), 2629-2738.

Yedida, R., Michael-Beasly, J., Korn, D., Abrar, S. M., Melo-Filho, C., Muratov, E., Graedon, J., Graedon, T., Chirkova, R., & Tropsha, A. (2020). Text Mining of the People's Pharmacy Radio Show Transcripts Can Identify Novel Drug Repurposing Hypotheses. arXiv preprint arXiv:2011.07959.

Yedida, R., Saha, S., & Prashanth, T. (2020). LipschitzLR: Using theoretically computed adaptive learning rates for fast convergence. *Applied Intelligence*, 1-19.

Sridhar, S., Saha, S., Shaikh, A., **Yedida, R.**, & Saha, S. (2020, July). Parsimonious Computing: A Minority Training Regime for Effective Prediction in Large Microarray Expression Data Sets. In 2020 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN) (pp. 1-8). IEEE.

Khaidem, L., **Yedida**, R., & Theophilus, A. J. (2019, November). Optimizing Inter-nationality of Journals: A Classical Gradient Approach Revisited via Swarm Intelligence. In *International Conference on Modeling*, *Machine Learning and Astronomy (pp. 3-14)*. Springer, Singapore.

## Funding

\$5,000, Google Cloud Academic Research Grant, 2022.

#### Honors

2022, Google Cloud Research Innovator

## Relevant Projects

## Google/Meta Data Mining

Python, Keras

GitHul

Feb. 2021 – May 2021

Data science project to use Google Takeout and Meta user data to suggest products to advertise to a user from Amazon best sellers using DistilGPT-2 and achieved 0.6 F-1 score.

RAISE
Python, Keras

Aug. 2020 – Present
GitHub :: PyPI

Sole developer for a PEP8/PEP257-compliant, ML Python package used by our research lab and others for replicable results. Downloaded 12k times.

Personalized Chatbot
Python, Keras
GitHub

Fine-tuned a GPT-2 345M model on 730k messages from Telegram logs to create a personalized chatbot.

#### Intelligent Tutoring System

Sep. 2018 – May 2019

ython GitHub

Implemented an Intelligent Tutoring System backend using Bayesian Knowledge Tracing and a novel question selection algorithm.

#### **Human Activity Data Project**

Oct. 2018 – Nov. 2018

Python, Keras

GitHub

Collected personal activity data for 9 months, grouped tasks into 21 categories. Analyzed most productive hours of the day and built a 2-layer predictive LSTM model, achieving 42% top-5 accuracy.

# SKILLS

**Languages:** Python, JavaScript, Java, C++

Frameworks: Flask, Keras, PyTorch, Node.is, React

Databases: SQL, MongoDB, DynamoDB