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EDUCATION _

Carnegie Mellon University Masters of Science in Machine Learning

Current courses(PhD): Advanced Introduction to Machine Learning, Intermediate Statistics, Deep Reinforcement Learning and Control, Multimodal Machine Learning, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Convex Optimization

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Birla Institute of Technology And Science (BITS), Pilani

Bachelors of Engineering, Computer Science and Masters of Science, Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Google DeepMind (Previously Google Research)

- Researcher in Multi-Agent Systems for Societal Impact (MASSI) Lab: Full-time 2 years
- Showcased non-Markovian behavior (complicating adoption of prior SoTA Markovian RMAB systems) in the largest maternal mobile health program with 3.2 million active beneficiaries. [KDD-WS'23]
- Co-formulated novel non-Markovian Time-Series Restless Bandits for optimizing multiple interventions by developing a framework leveraging reinforcement learning to increase the program's engagement.
- Demonstrated ability for the policy to increase content exposure of cohort by 57% and preventing dropouts by 33% over a random policy. [AAAI'24]

Harvard University

Research Assistant in Kreiman Lab: Full-time 1 year

- Investigated interplay between catastrophic forgetting (CF) and OOD generalization ability using 3D modeling and examined adaptability of continual learning algorithms to continuous domains.
- Demonstrated that models exhibit a saturation point in performance with respect to CF and generalization as number of tasks increases. [Thesis]

Microsoft

Software Development Intern in Cloud+Artificial Intelligence team

• Built an End-to-End service providing user insights to reporting services of the Playwright tool.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND THESIS

- 1. Improving Health Information Access in the World's Largest Maternal Mobile Health Program via Bandit Algorithms. Oral Presentation @ The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Conference [Track: IAAI] 2024. [AAAI'24]
- 2. Analyzing and Predicting Low-Listenership Trends in a Large-Scale Mobile Health Program: A Preliminary Investigation. Oral Presentation @ Data Science for Social Good Workshop, KDD 2023. [KDD-WS'23]
- 3. Adherence Bandits. Artificial Intelligence for Social Good Workshop, AAAI 2023. [AAAI-WS'23]
- 4. Continual Learning and Out Of Domain Generalization in Continuous Domain Adaptation. [Thesis]

SELECTED PROJECTS _

- Incentive Mechanisms for LLM-Assisted Textual Data Integrity: Designing mechanisms to counter low quality automated responses in LLM platforms, e-commerce, and peer reviews. Nov 2024 Present
- Building a Gen AI-Powered LaTeX Editor: Developing a LaTeX editor with AI-driven suggestions to streamline document creation for researchers and professionals. Dec 2024 Present

• Cleared Regional Mathematics Olympiad (RMO); Qualified for Indian National Mathematics Olympiad (INMO).

- Teaching Assistant for: Deep Reinforcement Learning and Control (CMU), Object Oriented Programming (BITS), Database Systems (BITS), Econometric Methods (BITS).
- Volunteered in the Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2023.

SKILLS _

Frameworks and libraries: Pytorch, Sklearn, Numpy, Pandas, React Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++, R, Stata AI/ML Frameworks and Models: Diffusion Models, Transformers, Generative AI, Reinforcement Learning

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