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Baltimore, USA

Education

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Maryland, United States

MS in Computer Science

Aug 2023 - May 2025

North South University

Dhaka, Bangladesh

BS in Computer Science and Engineering

Sept 2016 - Dec 2020

Selected Publications

Quantifying Nanoparticles and Monomer-Dimer Distribution in Optical Images using Deep Learning

S. H. Choudhury and A. S. M. Mohsin, Currently Under Review.

Label-Free Quantification of Gold Nanoparticles at the Single-Cell level using Multi-Column Convolutional Neural Network

S. H. Choudhury and A. S. M. Mohsin, RSC Analyst, 2024.

A Comparative Study on Approaches to Acoustic Scene Classification Using CNNs

I. J. Ananya, S. Suad, S. H. Choudhury, and M. A. Khan, MICAI 2021. Lecture Notes in Computer Science.

Predicting the Possibility of COVID-19 Infection Using Fuzzy Logic System

S. H. Choudhury, A. J. Aurin, T. A. Mitaly, and R. M. Rahman, Int'l Journal of Intelligent Information and Database Systems, 2021.

Research

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan 2024 - Ongoing

LARA Lab

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Baltimore. United States

- Fine-tuned LLMs and trained smaller LMs from scratch for emotion-conditioned text-generation.
- Analyzed available multimodal affective datasets and designed user interfaces for AAC applications.
- Designed surveys and carried out user studies on emotional representations and how emotion generation capabilities of LLMs align with human expectations.

Research Assistant

September 2021 - August 2023

IoT, Applied Machine Learning & Nanotechnology Research Group

Brac University

Dhaka, Banqladesh

- Fine-tuned YOLO models and built custom density mapping CNNs for nanoparticle detection, measurement, and analysis in live cells. Achieved test accuracies ranging from 78% to 93% depending on the task.
- Labelled and pre-processed novel datasets consisting of over 400 images for counting and 30 images for object detection and classification.
- Built two front-end websites and dashboards for displaying live water quality info and predictions and for displaying emergencies in real time. Used React, ChartJS and integrated Google Maps API and Firestore database.
- Designed MySQL database and built REST APIs to ingest data from hardware sensors and output to web.
- Improved predictions by 38% for a water quality forecasting problem. Applied time-series forecasting algorithms (ARIMA, Regressive models) on a custom dataset collected from scratch. Implemented a Flask API to serve machine learning model predictions in real-time.

Undergraduate Directed Research

October 2020 - February 2021

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

North South University

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Analysed audio preprocessing techniques for feature extraction based on images and embeddings, then tested multiple neural networkbased approaches for classifying environmental audio.
- Achieved 93% accuracy from spectrogram representations and 81% accuracy with very lightweight embeddings-based models.

Teaching

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2023 - Ongoing

University of Maryland, Baltimore County,

Baltimore, Maryland, United States

TA for CMSC 341 - Data Structures. Proctored exams, and held office hours, both in-person and virtually, for questions related to course lectures, projects, and grading.

Marker

February 2020 - June 2020

Department of English and Modern Languages, North South University,

Dhaka, Banqladesh

Marker for 4 sections of ENG102 (Introduction to Composition) and ENG105 (Advanced Composition). Proctored exams and quizzes, and graded exams, quiz papers and assignments with feedback.

Python Developer

February 2023 - June 2023

Dviz Technologies

Dhaka, Bangladesh (Remote)

- Prompt engineered inputs for a GPT 4.0 chatbot for recommending construction products. Prompt engineered an automatic categorization
 pipeline to separate product categories into diverse subcategories.
- Designed ML algorithms to categorize and recommend online products based on their descriptions only. Used natural text embeddings by leveraging OpenAI's GPT 3.5 API and XGBoost classifiers. Achieved 90% accuracy.
- Developed endpoints for REST API using Django for data visualization and analytics dashboards for an environmental regulation platform.

Data Scientist and Machine Learning Engineer

May 2022 - February 2023

Neovotech

Dhaka, Banqladesh (Remote)

- Built English and Swedish multi-speaker text-to-speech models used for automatic video content creation product. Deployed using FastAPI.
- Developed pipeline for image retrieval on outfits. Takes image of outfit as user input, embeds it using a CNN, and then uses FAISS vector search to fetch most similar outfit in database.
- Prototyped virtual outfit try-on. Tested multiple 2D image generation models and 3D object generation models.
- Built pipeline & selected model for outfit-generation StyleGAN model. Part of this project won Storm AI Hackathon, H&M Retail Category with Team Styler.

Data Scientist and Machine Learning Intern

February 2022 - May 2022

Eucaps AB | Neovotech

Stockholm, Sweden (Remote)

- Built automated data scrapers for data mining financial news and stocks websites using Selenium and BeautifulSoup. Developed and tested 8+ crawlers, increasing volume of data collected by 27%.
- Automated data cleaning and Swedish-to-English neural machine translation for processing scraped articles.

Skills

Programming Python, JavaScript

Technologies Git, Docker, Linux, MySQL, MongoDB, ImageJ, Google Firebase, Amazon EC2

Libraries PyTorch, OpenCV, Pandas, NumPy, Librosa, FastAPI, Matplotlib, SciKit-learn, Django, Flask, Selenium,

RabbitMQ, Gradio, Scrapy, BeautifulSoup, ReactJS, SvelteJS

Languages English, Bengali

Presentations and Talks

Water Analytics Tools: Quality & Quantity Monitoring and Purification Using IoT, ML & Nanotechnology

2022

Poster Presentation at Brac University Research Day 2022

Workshop on Python by NSU ACM Student Chapter R&D

2020

A workshop on Python held internally within NSU ACM Student Chapter. Covered fundamentals of python programming.

Honours and Awards

☆ Merit-based Scholarship from North South University (50% Tuition Waiver)

2016 - 2020

☆ The Daily Star O and A-Level Awards for Academic Excellence

2015, 2017

<u>Certificates and Additional Education</u>

Deep Learning Summer School

July 2022

Neuromatch Academy

Topics covered include MLPs, Optimization and Regularization, Convolutional Neural Networks, Generative Models, Time Series, NLP, Attention and Transformers, and Reinforcement Learning.

Certificate in Quantum Computing - Qubit x Qubit

October 2020 - May 2021

The Coding School

Topics covered include Mathematics for Quantum Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Quantum Programming and Quantum Algorithms.

NSU ACM Student Chapter

2017 - 2020

Chapter Officer, Webmaster from December 2019 to December 2020

- Organized and led research and development meetings. Assisted organizing workshops on Python and Motion Graphics.
- Directed social media presence and outreach of the Chapter. Successfully promoted national-scale competitive events with up to 600 participants.
- Member from 2017 to 2019. Awarded Best Member of Publications Team.

Other

- HackUMBC 2024, Best First time Hackers, Category Winner
- Water Innovation Challenge Competition 2021 by Bangladesh 2030 Water Resources Group, Final Round
- Wordsmiths 2018 by NSU Department of English and Modern Languages and NSU Communications Club. Won Second Place