# ASHISH RANJAN

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#### **EDUCATION**

Masters in Computer Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA USA

(Fall '17 –Spring'19)

Current Coursework (Spring'19): Distributed and Operating Systems

Completed Coursework: Probabilistic Graphical Models, Algorithms for Data Science, Advanced Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Information Retrieval, Reinforcement Learning

**GPA - 3.78/4** 

B.Tech in Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology(IIT)- BHU, Varanasi, India (Fall '09 – Spring '13) Coursework: Data Structure and Algorithms, Probability Theory, Calculus, Vector Algebra

### PATENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- US 20160110849 A1- "Method and Apparatus for Storing, Processing and Reconstructing Full Resolution Image out of Sub Band Encoded Images."

### WORK EXPERIENCE

## Comcast Research Labs, Washington DC, USA

(May'18-Aug'18)

## **Research Intern**

- Developed deep learning architecture for entity disambiguation.
- Conceived and implemented an algorithm for entity recommendation using Knowledge graphs.
- Presented the proof of concept of the above with use cases for Xfinity X1.

## Samsung Research India, Bangalore, India

(Jun '13 – Jul '17)

#### Lead Engineer Apr'17- Jul'17 | Sr. Software Engineer Apr'14- Mar'17 | Software Engineer Jun'13 – Mar'14 **CNN Model Design, Development and Optimization for Samsung BIXBY** (Jan'17 - Jul'17)

- Developed the character CNN model of Samsung Bixby for product launch of Galaxy S8.
- Optimized the model thereby improving precision by ten percent.

## **SC-LSTM** based Natural Language Generation IP

(Mar'16 – Dec'16)

- Developed the natural language generation IP using SC-LSTM for Smart Assistant.

## **Context Based Inference Engine IP**

(Jul'15 – Feb'16)

- Developed context-based inference engine which deduces the activities in a SMS/WhatsApp conversation and analyses the user sentiment. This culminated into App release for Samsung India Market – 'JifiCal'.

# **Knowledge Base Engine**

(Mar'15 –Jun'15)

- Designed and developed the knowledge base engine based on causality of events.

## **Sluggishness detection in Smartphone**

(Dec'14 – Feb'15)

- Conceived and implemented proof of concept of sluggishness detection in smartphones using deep learning.

## Image Compression IP for Camera Sensor Data and Sensor to Display Pipeline

(Jun'13 – Aug'14)

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### Entity Set Expansion, CIIR, UMass Amherst, Guide: Professor James Allan

(Oct'18 – Present)

- Currently researching on unsupervised methods for entity set expansion on a corpus given a seed set of entities.
- Conceived and implemented a shared LSTM supervised approach to solve the entity set expansion problem.
- Created the complete end to end data pipeline from scratch.

## GO Evidence Code Classification, UMass Amherst, Oracle Labs [Report] [GitHub]

(Jan'17 – May'18)

- Designed a classifier to identify what type of evidence to assign to a Gene Ontology (GO) annotation.
- Developed Hierarchical Attention Model and TF-IDF model to create document embedding for abstracts.

## Rowless Universal Schema, UMass Amherst, IESL Lab [Report] [GitHub]

(Nov '17 – Jan'17)

- Improving Rowless Universal Schema Knowledge Base using Complex Embedding.
- Designed and developed the shared LSTM architecture with complex embedding for relations and sentences.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JAVA, Python

Tools and Frameworks: TensorFlow, spaCy, NLTK, Sci-Kit, Numpy, Scipy, Spark, Docker, Git, Agile, AWS, Theano

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- MS Social Chair for Spring'18

Work Authorization: Eligible to work in US with OPT