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INTERESTS

- Reinforcement Learning
- Machine Learning and Data Mining

EDUCATION

Level of Education	Major / University	Institute	Year	Grades
Graduate Specialization:	Computer Science	Univ. of North Dakota,	2025-	
Graduation(PhD)	Univ. of North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	current	
Graduate Specialization:	Data Analytics Engineering	Northeastern University,	2020-	3.79/4
Graduation(M.S)	Northeastern University	Boston, MA	2022	
UnderGraduate Specialization:	Biotechnology	IIT Guwahati,	2016-	6.01/10
UnderGraduation(B.Tech)	IIT Guwahati	Guwahati, India	2020	

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages (Python, R, MATLAB, JAVA, C)
- Scripting (Linux shell [bash, zsh])
- Tools (GIT, Make, Tableau, Simio, LATEX, Arduino, Raspberry Pi)
- Operating Systems (Windows, Linux [Deb, rpm, arch])
- Web Technologies (HTML, PHP, CSS, TypeScript, Markdown)

EXPERIENCE

• Teaching Assistant (SEECS, Northeastern University)

(Jan'25 - Current)

- o Courses Taught: Secure Software Engineering, Object-Oriented Programming
- Software Engineer in Test MATLAB Math, Data Analysis and SciML tools (Quality Engineering, The Mathworks)

(Oct'22 - Oct'24)

- Work on Core Math and Data Analysis Functions in MATLAB.
- $\circ\;$ Build test strategies/procedures and implement them.
- Some projects include automatic differentiation and Generative AI for MATLAB copilot Data Analysis.
- Teaching Assistant (MIE-COE, Northeastern University)

(Guide: Dr. Dehghanimohammadabadi Mohammad, MIE-COE, Northeastern University, Jan'21 - Aug'22)

- o Courses Taught: Reinforcement Learning, Metaheuristics and Applications, Simulation Analysis.
- Research Assistant (MIE-COE, Northeastern University)

(Guide: Dr. Dehghanimohammadabadi Mohammad, MIE-COE, Northeastern University, Jan'21 - Aug'22)

- Reinforcement Learning and Metaheuristics for Operations Research Problems.
- Worked on Operations Research problems such as the Vehicle Routing Problem and Job Scheduling.
- Environment and Tools used: MATLAB, Python, C#, Simio.
- Research Internship (Chubu University, Japan)

(Guide: Prof. K. Yamauchi, May 2018 – Jul 2018, May 2019 – Jul 2019)

- Project based on machine learning on a budget. Implementation of Supervised Reinforcement learning using Actor-Critic model for one-step learning.
- Development of a modified actor-critic algorithm with dual actors to improve performance.
- Environment used: Python with PyTorch and JAVA.

MAJOR PROJECTS

• DM-Gym: A set of environments to develop reinforcement learning agents to solve Data Mining problems (Research Project)

(Guide: Dr. Dehghanimohammadabadi Mohammad, MIE-COE, Northeastern University, Aug'21 - Current)

- o Masters Thesis Project. Presented at Informs Annual Meeting 2021, Anaheim, Los Angeles, CA.
- o GitHub Link: https://github.com/ashwin-M-D/DM-Gym
- o PyPI Link: https://pypi.org/project/dm-gym/
- Job Scheduling and Vehicle Routing Problem using Reinforcement Learning (Research Project) (Guide: Dr. Dehghanimohammadabadi Mohammad, MIE-COE, Northeastern University, Jan'21 May'22)
 - Use Reinforcement Learning to optimize Job scheduling and solve the Vehicle Routing Problem.
 - o Compare RL methods with metaheuristic methods to solve the same problem.
 - Used Tabular and DQN based RL approaches.
 - o Used Genetic Algorithm and Particle Swarm Optimisation based metaheuristic approaches.
 - Environment and tools used: Python, C# and Simio.
- Human computer collaborated learning through Reinforcement Learning. (Research Project) (Guide:Prof. K. Yamauchi, May'18 Dec'18)
 - The system forms a collaboration with the user and a reinforcement learning agent to speed up training creating a one-shot learning algorithm.
 - Research paper published in ICPRAM 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

- Belsare, S., Devanga, A., Dehghanimohammadabadi, M. (2024). **AI-Driven Multi-Objective UAV Route Optimization.** *In 2024 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC)*. **Published**
- Devanga, A., Badilla, E.D. and Dehghanimohammadabadi, M. (2022). **Applied Reinforcement Learning for Decision Making in Industrial Simulation Environments.** *In 2022 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC)* (pp. 2819-2829).

DOI: 10.1109/WSC57314.2022.10015282.

- Devanga, A. and Yamauchi, K. (2019). **Collaborative Learning of Human and Computer: Supervised Actor-Critic based Collaboration Scheme.** *In Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Pattern Recognition Applications and Methods Volume 1: ICPRAM*, ISBN 978-989-758-351-3, pages 794-801. DOI: 10.5220/0007568407940801
- 若原 涼, Ashwin Devanga, and 山内康一郎 (2019). 人と機械学習の協調による未知問題の解の探索法. In The Proceedings of the 29th Annual Conference of Japanese Neural Network Society. JNNS2019P2-69

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- Winter Simulation Conference 2022 Speaker : **Applied Reinforcement Learning for Decision Making in Industrial Simulation Environments.** Singapore.
- INFORMS Annual Meet 2021 Session Chair and Speaker: **DM-Gym: A set of environments for developing reinforcement learning agents to solve Data Mining problems.** Anaheim, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- ICPRAM 2019 Poster Presentation : Collaborative Learning of Human and Computer: Supervised Actor-Critic based Collaboration Scheme. Prague, Czech Republic.