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RESEARCH INTERESTS Machine Learning, Statistical Signal Processing, Data Mining and Pattern recognition

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan USA

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, December 2011 (expected)

- Dissertation Topic: "An Information-Theoretic Approach to Active Diagnosis"
- Advisor: Professor Clayton D. Scott

M.S., EE: Systems, August 2008, CGPA: 3.97/4.0

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, India

B.Tech, Electrical Engineering, May 2006, CGPA: 8.93/10.0

Honors and Awards KLA-Tencor Graduate Fellowship, 2011.

NIPS Travel Grant, 2010.

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, Nominated by the EECS Department, 2010.

Graduate Fellowship, EECS Department, University of Michigan, 2008.

Inducted in to The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2008.

Inducted in to The Engineering Honor Society of Tau Beta Pi, 2007.

Graduate Fellowship, EECS Department, University of Michigan, 2006-2007. Pratibha Scholarship for academic excellence, Government of India, 2002-2006.

Gold medal for securing a nationwide top rank in IIT-JEE, Government of India, 2002.

Jeyaraja Rao Memorial Award for Best outgoing student, 1999.

Professional Experience HP Labs, Palo Alto, US

Research Associate Intern

May, 2011 - August, 2011

Sustainable Ecosystems Research Group (Hosts: Manish Marwah, Cullen Bash)

Developed efficient, scalable algorithms for real-time energy management in large commercial buildings. This work resulted in 2 patent disclosures and a publication.

GE Global Research Center, Bangalore, India

 $Research\ Intern$

May, 2005 - August, 2005

Studied the existing technologies for artifact removal in MR Imaging. Explored the possibility of using alternative methods over conventional Image processing techniques. Suggested possible new arenas for research in artifact removal.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan USA

Research Assistant

May, 2007 - present

- An Information-Theoretic Approach to Active Diagnosis/Active Learning
- Analysis of Symptom Co-occurrence patterns in Cancer Patients
- Statistical Error Analysis for False discovery rate (FDR) controlled classification

Teaching Assistant

September, 2007 - December, 2009

Duties at various times have included weekly discussion lectures, office hours, review sessions before

exams, grading and preparation of dicussion material.

- EECS 545 Machine Learning, Fall 2009
- EECS 451 Digital Signal Processing, Winter 2008
- EECS 216 Signals and Systems, Winter 2007
- EECS 203 Discrete Mathematics, Fall 2007

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Bellala, G., S.K. Bhavnani, and C. Scott, "Group-based Active Query Selection for rapid diagnosis in time-critical situations," accepted for publication in *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, 2011.
- Bellala, G., J. Stanley, C. Scott, and S. K. Bhavnani, "Active Diagnosis via AUC Maximization: An Efficient Approach for Multiple Fault Identification in Large Scale, Noisy Networks," to appear at *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence* (UAI), 2011.
- Bellala, G., S.K. Bhavnani, and C. Scott, "Active Diagnosis under Persistent Noise with Unknown Noise Distribution: A Rank-Based Approach," in *Proceedings of the Fourteenth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics* (AISTATS), 2011.
- Bhavnani, S.K., S. Victor, W.J. Calhoun, W.W. Busse, E. Bleecker, M. Castro, H. Ju, A.R. Brasier and G. Bellala, "How Cytokines Co-occur across Asthma Patients: From Bipartite Network Analysis to a Molecular-Based Classification," submitted to *Journal of Biomedical Informatics*, 2011.
- Bellala, G., S.K. Bhavnani, and C. Scott, "Extensions of Generalized Binary Search to Group Identification and Exponential costs," in *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 23* (NIPS), 154 162, 2010.
- Bhavnani, S.K., G. Arunkumaar, T. Hall, E. Maslowski, F. Eichinger, S. Martini, P. Saxman, G. Bellala, and M. Kretzler, "Discovering Hidden Relationships between Renal Diseases and Regulated Genes through 3D Network Visualizations," *BMC Research Notes*, 3:296, 2010.
- Bhavnani, S.K., G. Bellala, A. Ganesan, R. Krishnan, P. Saxman, C. Scott, M. Silveira, and C. Given, "The Nested Structure of Cancer Symptoms: Implications for Analyzing Co-occurrence and Managing Symptoms," *Methods of Information in Medicine*, 49(6), 581 591, 2010.
- Scott, C., G. Bellala, and R. Willett, "The false discovery rate for statistical pattern recognition," *Electronic Journal of Statistics*, Vol. 3, 651 677, 2009.
- Bhavnani, S.K., G. Bellala, A. Ganesan, R. Krishnan, P. Saxman, C. Scott, M. Silveira, and C. Given, "Network Analysis of Cancer Patients and Symptoms: Implications for Symptom Management and Treatment," *Proceedings of American Medical Informatics Association* (AMIA), 2009.
- Scott, C., G. Bellala, and R. Willett, "Generalization error analysis for FDR controlled classification," Proceedings of IEEE Workshop on Statistical Signal Processing (SSP), 792 796, Madison, WI, August 2007.

Relevant Coursework

Statistical Machine Learning (**EECS 545**), Estimation, Filtering and Detection (**EECS 564**), Probability and Random Processes (**EECS 501**), Theory of Probability (**STATS 621**), Random Matrix Theory and Applications (**EECS 598**), Mathematical Methods in Signal Processing (**EECS 551**), Fourier Analysis (**MATH 650**), Continuous Optimization Methods (**IOE 511**)

Computer Skills Programming Languages & Packages: C, Matlab, Scilab, Code Composer Studio(basic), VHDL(basic), LaTeX, Pspice, AutoCAD.

References Available upon request