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EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

📅 2021-2026

✅ 4.0/4.0

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)

Master of Science in Language Technologies

📅 2019-2021

✅ 4.02/4.0

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

B. Tech in Computer Science & Engineering

📅 2014-2018

✅ 9.37/10

ACHIEVEMENTS & ROLES

- Recipient of three PhD fellowships: **Amazon Science Ph.D. Fellowship**, **Bloomberg Ph.D. Data Science Fellowship**, and **UCLA Computer Science Fellowship**
- Served as **Program Chair** for SoCal NLP Symposium '23
- Co-leading the organization of **UCLA NLP Seminar Series**
- Worked as a Teaching Assistant for 10+ courses

RESEARCH PROJECTS

EVENT-CENTRIC NEWS NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND SAFE PERSONALIZED GENERATION

- Utilizing fine-grained event analysis to study and improve the factual faithfulness and persuasiveness of LLMs' generations for safely personalizing news narratives

DIVERGENT-CONVERGENT LLM REASONING FOR ZERO-SHOT EVENT DETECTION

- Proposed *divergent reasoning* to explore without constraints to boost recall, and *convergent reasoning* to ground the divergent thoughts to boost precision, in LLM-guided Event Detection
- Achieved best zero-shot results on 6 datasets across 5 domains

DOMAIN-AWARE DATA GENERATION FOR LOW RESOURCE INFORMATION EXTRACTION

- Synthesized data using LLMs by unsupervised extraction and conditioning on domain-specific cues for information extraction. Showed the efficacy across three domains and three languages.

CONTEXTUAL LABEL PROJECTION FOR CROSS-LINGUAL STRUCTURE PREDICTION [Best Paper Nomination]

- Utilized instruction-tuned language models to perform contextual machine translation for cross-lingual label projection
- Showed improvements for Event Argument Extraction (EAE) and Named Entity Recognition (NER) for 50 languages

MULTILINGUAL EVENT EXTRACTION FROM SOCIAL MEDIA FOR EPIDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

- Created the first Multilingual Event Detection framework SPEED for epidemic events in social media for 65 languages

BENCHMARKING GENERALIZABILITY FOR EVENT ARGUMENT EXTRACTION

- Created GENEVA, a diverse and comprehensive dataset with 100+ event types and argument roles using expert human annotations from a semantic role labeling dataset FrameNet

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Planning, Code Generation, Reasoning, Efficiency in LLMs, Personalized Generation, Data Generation

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Data Science Intern

📅 Jun '25 – Sep '25

Bloomberg AI

- Developing a **software-engineering-inspired agentic workflow** for low-latency parallel exploration and complex code generation
- Achieved SOTA on the text-to-SQL Spider 2.0 dataset

Research Scientist Intern

📅 Jun '24 – Sep '24

Meta (GenAI)

- Fine-tuned LLMs to encourage **dynamic planning** to optimize performance and cost for different prompt/tools
- Showed the efficacy of our technique on four prompting/tool strategies on three question-answering datasets

Applied Scientist Intern

📅 Jun '22 – Sep '22

Amazon (Alexa AI)

- Explored the alignment of higher-order semantics across languages in multilingual models; showed the effectiveness of our alignment on sentiment analysis

Applied Scientist

📅 Jul '18 – Jun '19

Amazon (Machine Learning)

- Proposed semi-supervised learning and regularization techniques for product attribute extraction from product titles without using partially labeled data

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- T Parekh, et. al., "PExA: Parallel Exploration Agent for Complex Text-to-SQL", under submission
- T Parekh, et. al., "DiCoRe: Enhancing Zero-shot Event Detection via Divergent-Convergent LLM Reasoning", In Proceedings of *EMNLP 2025*
- T Parekh, et. al., "SNaRe: Domain-aware Data Generation for Low-Resource Event Detection", In Proceedings of *EMNLP 2025*
- T Parekh, et. al., "Dynamic Strategy Selection for Efficient Question Answering with Large Language Models", in Proceedings of *NAACL Findings 2025*
- T Parekh, et. al., "SPEED++: A Multilingual Event Extraction Framework for Epidemic Prediction and Preparedness", in Proceedings of *EMNLP 2024*
- T Parekh, et. al., "Contextual Label Projection for Cross-Lingual Structure Extraction", in Proceedings of *NAACL 2024 (BEST PAPER NOMINATION)*
- T Parekh, et. al., "GENEVA: Pushing the Limit of Generalizability for Event Argument Extraction with 100+ Event Types", in Proceedings of *ACL 2023*
- A Madaan*, A Setlur*, T Parekh*, et. al., "Politeness Transfer: Tag and Generate Approach", in Proceedings of *ACL 2020*