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Education

University of North Texas, Texas, United States	Aug 2019 - May 2023			
Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering	GPA: 4.0/4.0			
Dissertation Title: Deep Learning Methods to Investigate Online Hate Speech and				
Counterhate Replies to Mitigate Hateful Content				
Research Area: Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computational Linguistics				
Southern Methodist University, Texas, United States	May 2012 - Dec 2013			
M.Sc., Software Engineering	GPA: 3.87/4.0			
King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Sep 2004 - May 2009			

B.Sc., Information Systems

Research Interests

Artificial intelligence, machine/deep learning, natural language processing, computational linguistics, information retrieval, sentiment analysis, and opinion mining on social media platforms

Employment History

Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University Vice Dean for Academic Affairs	Oct 2023 - Present
Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University Assistant Professor	June 2023 - Present
Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University Lecturer	May 2014 - June 2023
Prince Sattam Bin Abdulaziz University Demonstrator	Aug 2011 - May 2014
King Saud University Demonstrator	Jun 2009 - Aug 2011
Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) Trainee	Apr 2008 - Aug 2008

Employment Awards

•	Excellence award of Prince Sattam bin Abdulaziz University's best supervisor	2016 -	2017
•	Ideal faculty member award for the year	2015 -	2016

Research Projects

1. <u>Natural Language Processing Projects:</u>

Hate speech and counterhate content on social media platforms The standard approach to mitigate hateful online content is removing content or blocking accounts. However, this way restricts free speech on social media. In addition, the content of the replies to the hateful content might reflect positively and add important information to the victims against the hateful claim. For this purpose, we conduct several studies focusing on hate speech and counterhate arguments on social media platforms:

A. Pinpointing Fine-Grained Relationships between Hateful Tweets 2020 - 2021 and Replies (English)

We investigate the relationships between hateful tweets and replies on social media to understand how social media users react to hateful content. Additionally, we give finer information on how they counter the hate.

This work was published at AAAI-22 (AAAI-22 acceptance rate was 15%) and selected to be presented (25% of the published papers were selected for presentation).

B. Mitigating the Risks of Counterhate Arguments (English)

We want to analyze replies to counterhate tweets to understand when a counterhate tweet increases the heat of the conversation and makes it more argumentative conversation or worse. Specifically, we want to understand what kind of language people use in their counterhate tweets that lead to more hate instead of stopping it. Additionally, we intend to create a neural classifier built on top of a pre-trained language model to identify the type of reply a counterhate tweet will elicit.

C. Analyzing replies to Arabic hateful tweets (ongoing project) (Arabic) 2023 - Present We want to analyze the replies to Arabic hateful tweets to understand how people on social media platforms respond to Arabic hateful messages. We will create an Arabic tweet corpus with fine-grained information about the replies. We will also create a neural classifier to determine the relationship between hateful tweets and replies.

2. <u>Image Processing Projects:</u>

A. Deep Tumor Track Network

It has been drawn to our attention that the current physicians do not have an accurate tumor tracker than their natural sense. This may cause fatigue among physicians that may provide

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inaccurate results. Patients may also experience over-delivery of radiation to unwanted areas to radiation, which could extend unnecessarily long therapy sessions. The availability of advanced technologies to get the accurate position of tumors will allow physicians to reduce their fatigue while helping patients to reduce their recovery time and thus lower the medical costs for their treatment. This paper proposed a novel system for real-time tumor tracking on video using deep neural networks.

B. Document Boundary

2019 - 2020

An intelligent system that helps scan multiple documents at once, and the goal is to detect the last page of each document automatically. The model reads overlapped documents and divides them into separate files, using novel techniques to build an intelligent model. The model separates the documents by detecting the last page of each file within the whole document. This system can help employees be time-consuming in arranging or collecting overlapping documents.

3. Software Engineering Projects:

•	Power Rationalization System	2009
•	Automated Alarm System Functional/ non-Functional Requirements	2012
•	User Interface Design for Health Care Web Application	2012
•	Test an Online Room Reservation System	2013

Open-Sourced Projects (https://github.com/albanyan)

1. Document Boundry

https://github.com/albanyan/DocumentBoundary

- 2. Analyze Replies to Hateful Messages https://github.com/albanyan/hateful-tweets-replies
- 3. Mitigate the Risks of Counterhate Replies https://github.com/albanyan/counterhate reply

Publications

- 1. Abdullah Albanyan, Ahmed Hassan, and Eduardo Blanco. 2023. Finding Authentic Counterhate Arguments: A Case Study with Public Figures. In Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), pages 13862–13876, Singapore. Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).
- 2. Abdullah Albanyan, Ahmed Hassan, and Eduardo Blanco. 2023. Not All Counterhate Tweets Elicit the Same Replies: A Fine-Grained Analysis. The 12th Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics (*SEM), Co-located with ACL 2023, pages 71-88, Toronto, Canada. Association for Computational Linguistics.

- **3**. Shabbab Algamdi, **Abdullah Albanyan**, and Stephanie Ludi. 2023. *Investigating the Usability Issues in Mobile Applications Reviews Using A Deep Learning Model*. **IEEE 13th Annual Computing and Communication Workshop and Conference (CCWC).**
- 4. Shabbab Algamdi, Abdullah Albanyan, Sayed Shah, and Zeenat Tariq. 2022. *Twitter Accounts Suggestion: Pipeline Technique SpaCy Entity Recognition*. IEEE International Conference on Big Data, pp. 5121-5125.
- Abdullah Albanyan and Eduardo Blanco. 2022. Pinpointing Fine-Grained Relationships between Hateful Tweets and Replies. Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), [Acceptance rate 15%], 36(10), 10418-10426.

Teaching Experience

- Software Project Management
- Fundamentals of Software Engineering
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Computer Programming I (in C language)
- Computer Programming I (in C++ language)
- Computer Programming I (in Java language)
- Computer Skills Course
- Discrete Mathematics

Work Responsibilities

- Supervisor of the cooperative training unit
- Supervisor of the student activities committee
- Coordinator of the alumni committee
- Coordinator of scholarships committee
- Academic advising
- Representative of the training unit
- Representative of the alumni unit

Academic Services

- Program committee: AAAI 2023, AAAI 2024
- Reviewer: ACL 2023, EMNLP 2023

Technical Skills

- Programming Python, C++, Java, R, Matlab
- Machine Learning Neural Networks, SVM, PCA, BiLSTM, CNN, etc.
 - Pre-trained models BERT, Bertweet, Roberta, Longformer, ALBERT, etc.
- ML Tools PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow

Personal Profile

- Fast learner
- Technical skills
- Teaching skills
- Flexible, enthusiastic, motivated, and team-oriented

Workshops

- Learning Outcomes & Tests Matrix
- Designing electronic courses workshop
- Educational Output Assessment System for the College Programs
- Workshop about using blackboard in teaching
- GITEX technology exhibition in Dubai & Riyadh
- Information security workshop in KSU, Riyadh
- The second National Computing Colleges Conference, University of Hail