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CURRICULUM EMPHASIS

Natural Language Processing - Summarization- Computational Argumentation.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC RECORDS

School of Computer Science

PhD: University of Pittsburgh, USA

2014–2017 Department of Electronics and Electrical Communications

MSc: Cairo University, Egypt

Thesis: Advanced Techniques in Speaker Diarization for TV Broadcast

Department of Communications and Computer Engineering, Credit Hours System

BSc, Cairo University, Egypt

Graduation Project: *OBD On Board Diagnostics* OBD systems give the vehicle owner or repair technician access to the status of the various vehicle subsystems. The project was Funded

by Valeo Inc.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep21-Present PETAL Lab: Department of Computer Science

 $Graduate\ Research\ Assistant.$

CASUM: Building argument aware summarization models for legal opinions.

CourseMirror: Improving the summarization of students reflective writing (students

opinions about lectures).

May24-Aug-24 Microsoft

Research Intern at Research and Open AI Research (ROAR) team

Worked on automatic redteaming of Large Language Models.

May23-Aug-23 Tiktok Inc. (ByteDance)

Research Intern (NLP) at SAMI team

Developed HaLo: Hallucination and reduction framework in open source LLMs focusing

on BLOOM7B

Muhammad S. Elhady

Apr21-Aug21

Agolo

Senior Natural Language Processing Engineer.

Headline Generation: Built a key-phrase based Headline Generation.

Evaluation Framework: Built an evaluation API using python to standardize summary evaluation.

Jun 20 – Apr 21 Microsoft (Advanced Technology Lab Cairo)

Data Scientist (Contract).

Working on Improving Acoustic Modeling for Arabic Speech Recognition Systems using transfer learning, knowledge distillation and domain adaptation techniques.

- Arabic Yemeni: Provided the models for Microsoft new locale Arabic Yemeni.
- Gulf Assistant Scenario: Provided the models for assistant scenario in speech recognition.
- Language Model Augmentation Provided new techniques to augment Language Models.

Dec 18 – Jun 20 Raisa Energy LLC.

Data Scientist II.

Building analytical and predictive models for the oil and gas domain

- DSU Extraction: Developing an Information Extraction tool based on state of the art Natural Language Processing techniques to extract entities in legal documents.
- Parent-Child: Used Data analytic techniques to study the effect of neighboring wells on the production of the well to be drilled
- Well-Spacing: Built an algorithm that automates calculating spacing between wells and return each well neighbor's within 1 Mile.
- TC-module: Built a hybrid feature-based and Deep Learning time series forecasting algorithm to predict oil production in undeveloped areas.
- ML-Interpret: Supervised an intern in building a tool that explains machine learning model's predictions.

Sept 17-Dec 18

School of Information The University of British Columbia, Canada Research Assistant (Natural Language Processing Lab).

- Arabic Dialect Identification: Introduced a new dataset for city level dialect identification, introduced two new models in Arabic dialect identification.
- ullet Emotion Detection: Contributed in the 2018 WASSA competition , ranked 4^{th} out of 30 in final evaluation

Oct 15-Aug 17

RDI Research and Development International, Egypt

Researcher at Speech Processing team at RDI.

- Hafss: Built a Computer Aided Pronunciation learning system for Arabic based on Deep Neural Network acoustic Model.
- MGB Arabic 2016 Challenge:Contributed in building RDI Large Vocabulary system, helped introducing new DNN based Features for Speech Recognition.
- Contributed in RDI Large Vocabulary Speech Recognition Engine.

Muhammad S. Elhady

Sep 14-Oct 15 German University In Cairo, Egypt

Teaching Assistant at the Faculty of Information Engineering and Technology.

• Teach to ~ 20 students per section in the following courses:

Digital Logic Design
 Electric Circuits I
 Electric Circuits II
 Electric Circuits II
 Laboratory
 Fall 2014
 Spring 2015
 Spring 2015

• Supervise several undergraduate projects and lab experiments.

July-Sep 14 Valeo Inc., Egypt

Graduate Intern — GEEDS Team AutoSAR service line.

- Self-studied many Automotive Concepts (e.g. AutoSaR, CAN protocol and LIN protocol).
- Developed an Automatic tool for testing on different ECUs using configurable hardware automated for testing

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates equal contribution

Preprints

 Mohamed Elaraby, Mengyin Lu, Jacob Dunn, Xueying Zhang, Yu Wang and Shizhu Liu "Halo: Estimation and Reduction of Hallucinations in Open-Source Weak Large Language Models" arxiv 2023

Conference Papers

- Mohamed S. Elaraby, Mostafa Abdallah, Sherif Abdou, and Mohsen Rashwan "A Deep Neural Networks (DNN) Based models for a Computer Aided Pronunciation Learning System," in Speech and Computer Conference SPECOM-2016 (SPECOM) 2016
- 2. Muhammad Abdul-Mageed, Hassan Alhuzali, **Mohamed Elaraby** "You Tweet What You Speak: A City-Level Dataset of Arabic Dialects" in *The International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation LREC 2018*
- 3. Ahmed Magooda, **Mohamed Elaraby**, Diane Litman "Exploring Multitask Learning for Low Resource Abstractive Summarization" Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2021
- 4. **Mohamed Elaraby**, Diane Litman "ArgLegalSumm: Improving Abstractive Summarization of Legal Documents with Argument Mining" *COLING 2022*
- 5. Mohamed Elaraby, Yang Zhong, Diane Litman "Towards Argument-Aware Abstractive Summarization of Long Legal Opinions with Summary Reranking" Findings of ACL 2023
- 6. **Mohamed Elaraby***, Yang Zhong*, Diane Litman, Ahmed Ashraf Butt and Muhsin Menekse "ReflectSumm: A Benchmark for Course Reflection Summarization" *LREC-COLING* 2024
- 7. Mohamed Elaraby, Diane Litman, Xiang Lorraine Li, Ahmed Magooda "Persuasiveness of Generated Free-Text Rationales in Subjective Decisions: A Case Study on Pairwise Argument Ranking" Findings of the Association for Computational Linquistics: EMNLP 2024

Workshop Papers

- 1. Hany Ahmed, **Mohamed S. Elaraby**, Mostafa Abdallah, Abdullah Mousa, Sherif Abdou, and Mohsen Rashwan "An Unsupervised Speaker Clustering Technique based on SOM and I-vectors for Speech Recognition Systems," in *The third Arabic Natural Language Processing Workshop ("WANLP 2017) co-located with ("EACL 2017)*
- 2. Mohamed Elaraby, Muhammad Abdul-Mageed "Deep Models for Arabic Dialect Identification on Benchmarked Data" "Fifth Workshop on NLP for Similar Languages, Varieties and Dialects VarDial 2018 co-located with COLING 2018
- 3. Hassan Alhuzali **Mohamed Elaraby** Muhammad Abdul-Mageed "UBC-NLP at IEST 2018: Learning Implicit Emotion With an Ensemble of Language Models" 9th Workshop on Computational Approaches to Subjectivity, Sentiment Social Media Analysis co-located with EMNLP 2018
- Mohamed Elaraby Ahmed Zahran "A Character level Convolutional BiLSTM for Arabic Dialect Identification" In The Fourth Arabic Natural Language Processing Workshop. (WANLP 2019). colocated with ACL 2019, Florence, Italy, July 28-Aug 2
- Mohamed Elaraby, Diane Litman "Self-trained Pretrained Language Models for Evidence Detection" Accepted in Argument Mining Workshop Colocated with EMNLP 2021
- 6. Zheixong Liu, **Mohamed Elaraby***, Yang Zhong*, Diane Litman "Overview of ImageArg-2023: The first shared task in multimodal argument mining" Argument Mining Workshop Colocated with EMNLP 2023
- 7. Mohamed Elaraby, Huihui Xu, Morgan Gray, Kevin Ashley, Diane Litman "Adding Argumentation into Human Evaluation of Long Document Abstractive Summarization: A Case Study on Legal Opinions" HumanEval 2024 Colocated with LREC-COLING 2024

Abstracts

1. Hadeer ElAshhab **Mohamed Elaraby** Motaz Elsaban "Modeling hydrocarbons flow from reservoir rocks using Deep Learning" AI for Earth Science Workshop @ICLR 2020

Community Services

- •Coroganizer of the **ImageArg** shared task.
- •Reviewer for LREC 2020, LREC 2022, ArgMining 2023, ARR 2024-present

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1. LRDC Council Award Grant 2024.
- 2. Nominated for the **CS50 fellowship** at the department of computer science, the University of Pittsburgh.
- 3. Undergraduate **Half scholarship** to study in the Credit Hours System (CHS) from Faculty of Engineering, Cairo University, Egypt. [2009-2011]
- 4. Award of Excellence from the Ministry of Education, Egypt. [2009]

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REFERENCES

• Dr. Diane J. LITMAN, Ph.D, Rutgers University. (Ph.D advisor)

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