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SUMMARY

Sr. AI Research Scientist at Nvidia, working on AI Security and Privacy

EDUCATION

GEORGIA TECH

PHD IN ECE
Dec 2022 | Atlanta, GA
GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

GEORGIA TECH

MS IN ECE
Dec 2014 | Atlanta, GA
GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

SRI JAYACHAMARAJENDRA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

BS IN ECE
June 2013 | Mysore, India
GPA: 3.78 / 4.0

LINKS

Github:// [sanjaykariyappa](#)
LinkedIn:// [sanjay-kariyappa](#)
Twitter:// [@sanjayatwork](#)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine learning, deep learning, privacy, security, federated learning, explainable AI, uncertainty estimation, semi-supervised learning, computer architecture, ML accelerators

COURSEWORK

Statistical Machine Learning
Digital Image Processing
Advanced Computer Architecture
ML Hardware Acceleration
Advanced Memory Systems

SKILLS

Programming Languages:

- Python • C • C++
- Matlab • Latex

Software Libraries:

- Pytorch • Tensorflow • Keras
- Pandas • Numpy

PUBLICATIONS

Progressive Inference: Explaining Decoder-Only Sequence Classification Models Using Intermediate Predictions

[ICML 2024] [S. Kariyappa](#), F. Lécué, S. Mishra, C. Pond, D. Magazzeni, M. Veloso

SHAP@k: Efficient and PAC Identification of Top-k Features

[AAAI 2024 - Oral] [S. Kariyappa](#), L. Tsepenekas, F. Lécué, D. Magazzeni

Cocktail Party Attack: Breaking Aggregation-Based Privacy in Federated Learning using Independent Component Analysis

[ICML 2023] [S. Kariyappa](#), C. Guo, K. Maeng, W. Xiong, Ed Suh, M. K. Qureshi, H. S. Lee

ExPLOit: Extracting Private Labels in Split Learning

[SaTML 2023] [S. Kariyappa](#), M. K. Qureshi

Bounding the Invertibility of Privacy-preserving Instance Encoding using Fisher Information [NeurIPS 2023] K. Maeng, C. Guo, [S. Kariyappa](#), Ed Suh

MAZE: Data-Free Model Stealing Attack Using Zeroth-Order Gradient Estimation

[CVPR 2021] [S. Kariyappa](#), A. Prakash, M. K. Qureshi

Tolerating Noise in PCM-Based AI Accelerators via Noise-Aware Training

[IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices 2021] [S. Kariyappa](#) et al.

Protecting DNNs from Theft using an Ensemble of Diverse Models

[ICLR 2021] [S. Kariyappa](#), A. Prakash, M. K. Qureshi

Defending Against Model Stealing Attacks with Adaptive Misinformation

[CVPR 2020] [S. Kariyappa](#), M. K. Qureshi

PrivRecourse: Generating Realistic and Privacy-Preserving Recourse Paths

[XAI-FIN 2023] S. Pentyala, S. Sharma, [S. Kariyappa](#), F. Lécué, D. Magazzeni

Improving Adversarial Robustness of Ensembles with Diversity Training

[S. Kariyappa](#), M. K. Qureshi

WORK EXPERIENCE

NVIDIA | SR. AI RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Nov 2024 – present | Santa Clara, CA

JP MORGAN CHASE | SR. AI RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Feb 2023 – Nov 2024 | Palo Alto, CA

META | AI RESEARCH INTERN (FAIR)

May 2022 - Aug 2022 | Boston, MA

- Developed a novel attack on federated learning to break aggregation based privacy using independent component analysis. ([paper](#))

FACEBOOK | SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

May 2021 - Aug 2021, May 2020 - Aug 2020 | Menlo Park, CA

- Explored the use of semi-supervised learning techniques to improve conversion prediction models for online advertising.

IBM | RESEARCH INTERN

May 2019 – Aug 2019 | San Jose, CA

- Developed Noise-Resilient DNNs that are robust against hardware noise for PCM-based analog AI hardware. ([paper](#))