# Curriculum Vita

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#### Education:

B.Tech (1974-79) in Electrical Engineering, Regional Engineering College, Warangal, India.

M.Tech (1979-81) in Computer Science, I.I.T., Madras, India.

Ph.D (1984-90) in Computer Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, U.S.A.

Positions held:

2009-current Professor, Department of Computer Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

**1995-2009:** Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

1997-98: Visiting Professor, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

1989-95: Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

1986-89: Research Assistant, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

1984-86: Teaching/Research Assistant, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

1983-84: Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

1981-83: Systems Analyst, Bowery Savings Bank, New York, NY.

# Ph.D thesis:

"Tractable Learning and Planning in Games," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, U.S.A., 1990. Advisor: Tom Mitchell

# Awards:

- 1. Outstanding paper award, AAAI 2013, with Janardhan Rao Doppa and Alan Fern.
- 2. Outstanding Student Paper award, ICAPS 2009, with Ronny Bjarnason and Alan Fern.

# Service to the AI Community:

- Action Editor, Machine Learning, 2006-current.
- Associate Editor, Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, 2010-2016.
- Editorial Board Member, Encyclopedia on Machine Learning, Springer Verlog, 2006-current.
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, 1998-2001.
- Editorial Board Member, Machine Learning, 2004-2005.
- Local Arrangements Chair, International Conference on Machine Learning, 2007.
- Program Co-chair, International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, 2007.

- Chair for the workshop on Relational Reinforcement Learning in International Machine Learning Conference in 2002.
- Area chair for the Reinforcement Learning area in International Machine Learning Conference in 2001, Machine Learning for National Conference on Artificial intelligence, 2009.
- Co-Chair of the workshop on "Knowledge Compilation and Speedup Learning" in International Machine Learning Conference in 1993. Chair of the workshop on "Knowledge Compilation and Speedup Learning" in International Machine Learning Conference in 1992.
- Tutorials:

"Reinforcement Learning: From Foundations to Advanced Techniques," Prasad Tadepalli, Sridhar Mahadevan and Vivek Borkar at IJCAI 2007, Hyderabad, India. "Decision-theoretic Planning and Reinforcement Learning in Relational Domains," Prasad Tadepalli, Alan Fern and Kristian Kersting, at AAAI 2008, Chicago, IL, U.S.A.

- Co-chair of senior member track, National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2017-2018.
- Co-organizer of AAAI Spring Symposiun on "Beyond Curve Fitting Causation, Counterfactuals and Imagination-based AI," 2019.
- Senior program committee member/area chair: International Conference in Machine Learning, 2001, 2005; National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2005,2011,2012,2013,2015,2016,2017,2018,2019,2020; International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2011,2016,2017, 2018,2020;
- Program committee member: International Conference on Parallel Processing, 2018; Annual Meeting of Association of Computational Linguistics, 2018; International Conference on Machine Learning, 1995 - 2005, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018, 2019; Inductive Logic Programming Conference, 1999 - 2003, 2007-2010, 2012; National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2005,2009; International Conference on Planning and Scheduling, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016; Workshop on International Planning Competition, 2012. Workshop on Statistical Relational Learning, 2012. Workshop on Statistical Relational Artificial Intelligence, 2012, 2013. Neural Information Processing Systems, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012; Workshop on Semantic Scientific Knowledge Integration at Spring Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, 2008; Brazilian Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, 2008; Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, 2006; European Conference on Machine Learning, 2006, 2011, 2012; NIPS Workshop on Transfer Learning, 2005; KDD Workshop on Utility-Based Data Mining, 2005; ICML Workshop on Constained Optimization and Structured Output Spaces, 2007; Indian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2003; FLAIRS Workshop on Learning in Planning and Scheduling, 2003; Algorithmic Learning Theory Conference, 1999; Computational Learning Theory conference, 1994; Workshop on Logic and Learning, 2001; ICML Workshop on learning text categorization, 1999; AAAI Fall Symposium on Planning and Learning in Games, 1993.
- Reviewer: National Science Foundation, Journal of Machine Learning Research, Machine Learning Journal, Artificial Intelligence Journal, Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, IEEE Expert.
- Life Member of American Association of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI).
- Member of Association of Computing Machinery (ACM).

## Departmental and University service:

- Member of University Graduate Council, 2003-2006, Interim member, 2007.
- Member of College of Engineering Change team, 2016-2019.
- Member of College on Engineering Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2009-2010.
- Head Graduate Advisor for Computer Science program 1998-current.

- Member of Promotion and Tenure Dossier Committee, 2010-current.
- Co-chair/chair CS Hiring Committee, 2017-2019.
- Chair of AI Hiring Committee, 2019-2020.
- Member of Masters in Engineering Program Committee, 2009.
- Chair of the comprehensive examination committee, 1993 Fall through 1997 spring, 1998 Fall through 2001 Spring.
- Member of graduate committee 1993-94, 1996-97, 1998-current.
- Member of undergraduate committee, 1999-00.
- Member of the equipment committee, 1991-92.
- Member of the curriculum committee, 1990-93.

Grants: PI or Co-PI on grants Totaling \$29,035.492 from DARPA, NSF, ONR, ARO and USAF.

- "OPICS: Obvious Plans and Inferences for Common Sense via Infant Behavior Learning," with Alan Fern (PI), Xiaoli Fern, Fuxin Li, Sinisa Todorovic, Karen Adolph, and Tucker Hermans, \$8,741,152, 2019-2023.
- "EXACT: Explanation-Informed Acceptance Testing of Deep Adaptive Programs," with Alan Fern (PI), Tom Dietterich, Margaret Burnett, Martin Erwig, Liang Huang, and Fuxin Li, \$6,545,123, 2017-2021.
- 3. "RI: Small: Speedup Learning for Online Planning Under Uncertainty," NSF, with Alan Fern (PI), \$450,000, 2016-2019.
- "Active Transfer Learning of Latent Competencies," ONR, STTR Phase 1 with Robby Robson (PI) of Eduworks, \$25K 2015-2016.
- "II-SN: Software Tools for Monte-Carlo Optimization," NSF, \$442,366, with Alan Fern (PI), Alex Groce, Sinisa Todorovic, and Tom Dietterich 2014-2017.
- "RI:Small: Integrating Learning and Search for Structured Prediction," NSF, \$449,997, with Alan Fern, 2012-2015
- "Deep Reading and Learning," DARPA, \$2,221,485, with Thomas G. Dietterich and Xiaoli Fern, 2012-2016
- "First-Order Decision Theoretic Planning," NSF, \$267,500, CI fellows award for Saket Joshi, 2010-2012
- "Lifelong Active Transfer Learning for Sequantial Decision Making," ONR, \$1,150,000, with Alan Fern, 2011-2015
- "RI:Medium: Optimizing Policies for Service Organizations in Complex Structured Domains," NSF, \$581,680, with Alan Fern, 2010-2014
- "A Compute Cluster and Software Tools for Monte-Carlo Methods in Artificial Intelligence," NSF, \$600,000, with Tom Dietterich (PI), Alan Fern, Kagan Tumer, and Weng-Keen Wong, 2010-2014
- 12. "Partial Planning Reinforcement Learning," ARO, \$425,000, with Alan Fern, 2009-2012.
- 13. "ERUDITE: Machine Reading," DARPA, \$1,125,000 with Tom Dietterich (PI) and Xiaoli Fern, 2009-2012.

- "Integrated Learning," DARPA, \$866,362 with Tom Dietterich (PI), Weng-Keen Wong, and Ron Metoyer, 2006-2008.
- 15. "CALO Architecture," DARPA, \$100,000 with Tom Dietterich (PI) and Alan Fern, 2005-2008.
- 16. "Effective Bayesian Transfer Learning," DARPA, \$2,400,000 with Tom Dietterich (PI), Alan Fern, 2005-2008.
- 17. "Knowledge-Intensive Learning Methods," DARPA, \$472,259, with Tom Dietterich (PI), Bruce D'Ambrosio, and Jon Herlocker, 2003-04.
- "Knowledge-Intensive Learning Methods," DARPA, \$511,000, with Tom Dietterich (PI), Alan Fern, and Jon Herlocker, 2004-05.
- 19. "Knowledge Plane: Technology Assessment," DARPA/USAF, \$129,853, with Tom Dietterich (PI), Alan Fern, and Ron Metoyer, 2005.
- 20. "Relational Reinforcement Learning," NSF, \$411,602, 2003-2006.
- 21. "Average Reward Reinforcement Learning:Scaling Up," NSF, \$368,659, 2001-04.
- 22. "Interdisciplinary Center for Computational Methods in Electronics Manufacturing," with Bruce D'Ambrosio (CS), Dean Jensen (IME), Rasaratnam Logendran (IME), and Robert Paasch (ME), Oregon State University Rickert Foundation seed grant, \$25,000, 1999-2000.
- "Hybrid Computational Methods for Skill Acquisition," with Tom Dietterich (PI), ONR, \$379,200, 1995-98.
- 24. "Average Reward Reinforcement Learning," NSF, \$277,299, 1995-99.
- 25. "Tradeoffs in Learning and Planning," NSF, \$69,955, 1991-94.

## **Research Publications**

27 Journal papers, 5 book chapters, 80 conference papers, 41 workshop papers, 8 technical reports. Citations: 3,835; H-Index (Google Scholar): 33

# Journal papers:

- Fern, A., Natarajan, S., Judah, K., and Tadepalli, P., "A Decision-Theoretic Model of Assistance," Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research 50:71–104, 2014.
- Judah, K., Fern, A., Dietterich, T. G., and Tadepalli, P., "Active Imitation Learning: Formal and Practical Reductions to I.I.D. Learning," *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 15: 3925–3963, 2014.
- Doppa, J., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "HC-Search: A Learning Framework for Search-based Structured Prediction," *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, (JAIR), 50:369–407, 2014.
- 4. Wilson, A., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Using Trajectory Data to Improve Bayesian Optimization for Reinforcement Learning," *Journal of Machine Learning Research* (JMLR), 15, 253–282, 2014.
- Doppa, J., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Structured Prediction via Output Space Search," Journal of Machine Learning Research, (JMLR), 15(1), 1317–1350, 2014.
- Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P., and Fern, A., "A Relational Hierarchical Model of Decision-Theoretic Assistance," *Knowledge and Information Systems(KAIS)*, 32(2), 329-349, 2012.
- Zhang, X. Yoon, S. W., DiBona, P., etal, "An Ensemble Architecture for Learning Complex Problem Solving Techniques from Demonstration," ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology, 3(4), 75, 2012.

- Wilson, A., Fern, A., Tadepalli, P., "Transfer Learning in Sequential Decision Problems: A Hierarchical Bayesian Approach," *Journal of Machine Learning Research - Proceedings Track*, 27: 217-227, 2012.
- Fern, A., Khardon, R., Tadepalli, P., "The First Learning Track of the International Planning Competition," *Machine Learning*, 84:81-107, 2011.
- Mehta, N., Ray, S., Tadepalli, P., and Dietterich, T., "Automatic Discovery and Transfer of Task Hierarchies in Reinforcement Learning," AI Magazine, 32(1), 2011.
- Parker, C., Altun, Y., Tadepalli, P. "Guest Editorial: Special Issue on Structured Prediction," Machine Learning, 77(2-3), September 2009.
- Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P., Dietterich, T., and Fern, A. "Learning First-Order Probabilistic Models with Combining Rules" Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence, Special issue on Probabilistic Relational Learning, 54(1-3), 2008.
- 13. Tadepalli, P. "Learning to Solve Problems from Exercises," *Computational Intelligence*, 24(4), 257–291, 2008.
- Mehta, N., Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P. and Fern, A., "Transfer in Variable-Reward Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning," *Machine Learning Journal*, 73(3), 289–312, 2008.
- Dietterich, T. G., Domingos, P., Getoor, L., Muggleton, S. and Tadepalli, P. "Structured Machine Learning: The next 10 Years," *Machine Learning Journal*, 73:3–23, 2008.
- 16. Blockeel, H., Shaavlik, J. and Tadepalli, P., "Guest editors' introduction: special issue on inductive logic programming (ILP-2007), 73:1-2.
- Bjarnason, R., Tadepalli, P. and Fern A., "Searching Solitaire in Real Time," International Computer Games Association Journal, 30:3,131–142,2007.
- Tadepalli, P. "Cognitive Architectures have Limited Explanatory Power," Commentary on Anderson and Lebiere's article on "The Newell Test for a Theory of Mind," in Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 26(5), 2001.
- Amoth, T., Cull, P. and Tadepalli, P. "On Exact Learning of Unordered Tree Patterns," Machine Learning, 44(3), 211–243, 2001.
- Reddy, C. and Tadepalli, P. "Learning Horn Definitions: Theory and an Application to Planning," New Generation Computing, 17, 77–98, 1999.
- Tadepalli, P. and Ok, D. "Model-based Average Reward Reinforcement Learning," Artificial Intelligence, 100, 177–224, 1998.
- Tadepalli, P. and Russell, S., "Learning from Examples and Queries with Structured Determinations," *Machine Learning*, 32, 245–295, 1998.
- Tadepalli, P. and Natarajan, B. "A Formal Framework for Speedup Learning from Problems and Solutions," *Journal of AI Research*, 4, 445-475, 1996.
- Mahadevan, S. and Tadepalli, P., "Quantifying Prior Determination Knowledge using PAC Learning Model," *Machine Learning*, 17, 69–105, 1994.
- Mahadevan, S., Mitchell, T., Mostow, J., Stienberg, L. and Tadepalli, P., "An Apprentice-based Approach to Knowledge Acquisition," *AI Journal*, 64, 1-52, 1993.
- Weiss, S., Galen, R., and Tadepalli, P., "Maximizing the Predictive Value of Production Rules," AI Journal, 45, 47-71, 1990.

 Hall, P.R., Falkenhainer, B., Flann, N. S., Hampson, S., Reinke, R., Shrager, J., Sims, M., and Tadepalli, P., "A review of the fourth international workshop on machine learning," *Machine Learning*, 2 (2), 1987.

## **Book Chapters and Edited Collections:**

- Tadepalli, P., "Average-Reward Reinforcement Learning," in Encyclopedia of Machine Learning 2010, 64-68.
- Ray, S. and Tadepalli, P., "Model-Based Reinforcement Learning," in Encyclopedia of Machine Learning 2010, 690-693.
- Shavlik, J., Blockeel, H., Ramon, J. and Tadepalli, P., (Ed), Proceedings of The 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, Springer Verlog, 2007.
- Mehta, N., Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P. and Fern, A., "Transfer in Hierarchical Variable Reward Reinforcement Learning," in *Transfer Learning*, Silver, D., Caruana, R. and Bennett, C., (Ed.), Springer Verlog, 2007.
- Tadepalli, P., "Learning in Intractable Domains," in *Machine Learning: A Guide to Current Research*, Mitchell, T. M., Michalski, R. S., and Carbonell, J. G., (Ed.), Morgan Kaufmann, 1986.

#### Rigorously refereed papers in conferences:

- Shahbazi, H., Fern, X. Z., Ghaeini, R., Tadepalli, P. "Relation Extraction with Explanation," ACL 2020.
- Issakkimuthu, M., Fern, A., Tadepalli, P., "The Choice Function Framework for Online Policy Improvement," in AAAI, 2020.
- Turner, A. M., Hadfield-Menell, D., Tadepalli, P. "Conservative Agency via Attainable Utility Preservation," AIES 2020, 385-391.
- Obeidat, R., Fern, X. Z., Shahbazi, H., Tadepalli, P. "Description-Based Zero-shot Fine-Grained Entity Typing," NAACL-HLT (1) 2019, 807-814.
- Ghaeini, R., Fern, X. Z., Shahbazi, H., Tadepalli, P. "Saliency Learning: Teaching the Model Where to Pay Attention," NAACL-HLT (1) 2019, 4016-4025.
- Shitole, V., Louis, J., Tadepalli, P. "Optimizing Earth Moving Operations Via Reinforcement Learning," WSC 2019, 2954-2965.
- Issakkimuthu, M., Fern, A., Tadepalli, P., "Training Deep Reactive Policies for Probabilistic Planning Problems," ICAPS 2018.
- 8. Orr, J. W., Tadepalli, P., Fern, X. Z., "Event Detection with Neural Networks: A Rigorous Empirical Evaluation," EMNLP 2018.
- 9. Ghaeini, R., Fern, X. Z., Tadepalli, P., "Interpreting Recurrent and Attention-Based Neural Models: a Case Study on Natural Language Inference," EMNLP 2018.
- Dayapule, D. H. Raghavan, A., Tadepalli, P., Fern, A., "Emergency Response Optimization using Online Hybrid Planning," IJCAI 2018.
- Shahbazi, H., Fern, X. Z., Ghaeini, R., Tadepalli, P., "Joint Neural Entity Linking with Output Space Search," COLING, 2018.
- Ghaeini, R., Fern, X. Z., Shahbazi, H., Tadepalli, P. "Dependent Gated Reading for Cloze-Style Question Answering," COLING, 2018.

- Fern, A. Goetschalckx, R., Hamidi-Haines, M., Tadepalli, P. "Adaptive Submodularity with Varying Query Sets: An Application to Active Multi-label Learning," Proceedings of Machine Learning Research (PMLR), Vol 76, pp 577-592, 2017.
- Ma, C. Doppa, J. R., Tadepalli, P. Shahbazh. H., Fern, X., "Multi-Task Structured Prediction for Entity Analysis: Search-based Learning Algorithms," Proceedings of Machine Learning Research (PMLR), Vol 77, pp 514-529, 2017.
- Raghavan, A., Sanner, S., Khardon, R., Tadepalli, P., Fern, A., "Hindsight Optimization for Hybrid State and Action MDPs," AAAI, 2017, 3790-3796.
- Obeidat, R., Fern, X. Z., Tadepalli, P., "Label Embedding Approach for Transfer Learning," ICBO/BioCreative, 2016.
- 17. Ghaeini, R., Fern, X., Huang, L., Tadepalli, P., "Event Nugget Detection with Forward-Backward Recurrent Neural Networks," ACL (2) 2016.
- Issakkimuthu, M., Fern, A., Khardon, R., Tadepalli, P., Xue, S., "Hindsight Optimization for Probabilistic Planning with Factored Actions," ICAPS, 2015, 120-128.
- 19. Hamidi, M., Tadepalli, P., Goetschalckx, R., and Fern, A., "Active Imitation Learning of Hierarchical Policies," in Proceedings of International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI, 2015.
- Goetschalckx, R., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Multi-task Coactive Learning," in Proceedings of International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI, 2015.
- Xie, J., Ma, C., Doppa, J. R., Mannem, P., Fern, X. Z., Dietterich, T. G., and Tadepalli, P., "Learning Greedy Policies for the Easy-First Framework," National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, NCAI, 2339-2345, 2015.
- Raghavan, A., Khardon, R., Tadepalli, P., and Fern, A., "Memory-Efficient Symbolic Online Planning for Factored MDPs," UAI, 732-741, 2015.
- Cui, H., Khardon, R., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Factored MCTS for Large Scale Stochastic Planning," National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, NCAI, 3261-3267, 2015.
- 24. Orr, J. W., Tadepalli, P., Doppa, J. R., Fern, X., and Dietterich, T., "Learning Scripts as Hidden Markov Models," Proceeedings of the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, NCAI, 2014.
- Judah, K., Fern, A., Tadepalli, P., and Goetschalckx, R., "Imitation Learning with Demonstrations and Shaping Rewards," Proceedings of the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, NCAI, 2014.
- 26. Goetschalckx, R., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Coactive Learning for Locally Optimal Problem Solving," Proceeedings of the National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, NCAI, 2014.
- 27. Doppa, J. R., Yu, J., Ma, C., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "HC-Search for Multi-label Prediction: An Empirical Study," Proceedings of National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2014.
- Ma, C., Doppa, J. R., Orr, J. W., Mannem, P., Fern, X. Z., Dietterich, T. G., Tadepalli, P., "Prune-and-Score: Learning for Greedy Coreference Resolution," Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, 2115-2126, 2014.
- Raghavan, A., Fern, A., Tadepalli, P., and Khardon, R., "Symbolic Opportunistic Policy Iteration for Factored-Action MDPs," Proceedings of the International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 2499–2507, 2013.
- Joshi, S., Khardon, R., Tadepalli, P., Raghavan, A., and Fern, A. "Solving Relational MDPs with Exogenous Events and Additive Rewards," European Conference on Machine Learning, 178–193, 2013.

- Natarajan, S., Odom, P., Joshi, S., Khot, T., Kersting, K., and Tadepalli, P., "Accelerating Imitation Learning in Relational Domains via Transfer by Initialization," Proceedings of International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, 2013.
- Doppa, J. R., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "HC-Search: Learning Heuristics and Cost Functions for Structured Prediction," Proceedings of National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2013. Outstanding Paper Award.
- Raghavan, A., Joshi, S., Fern, A., Tadepalli, P. and Khardon, R., "Planning in Factored Action Spaces using Symbolic Dynamic Programming," Proceedings of National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2012.
- Doppa, J., Fern, A. and Tadepalli, P., "Output Space Search for Structured Prediction," Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 2012.
- 35. Wilson, A., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "A Bayesian Approach for Policy Learning from Trajectory Preference Queries," Neural Information Processing Systems, 2012, 1142-1150
- Sorower, S., Dietterich, T. G., Doppa, J. R., Orr, W., Tadepalli, P. and Fern, X.: Inverting Grice's Maxims to Learn Rules from Natural Language Extractions, In Neural Information Processing Systems, 2011, 1053-1061.
- Mehta, N., Tadepalli, P., and Fern, A. Autonomous Learning of Action Models for Planning. In Neural Information Processing Systems, 2011, 2465-2473.
- Natarajan, S., Joshi, S., Tadepalli, P., Kersting, K., and Shavlik, J. W., "Imitation Learning in Relational Domains: A Functional Gradient Boosting Approach," In International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2011, 1414-1420.
- Doppa, J. R., Sorower, M. S., NasrEsfahani, M., Orr, W., Dietterich, T. G., Fern, X., Tadepalli, P., and Irvine, J., "Learning Rules from Incomplete Examples via Implicit Mention Models," In Journal of Machine Learning Research - Proceedings Track 20: 197-212 (2011).
- Fern, A. and Tadepalli, P., "A Computational Decision Theory for Interactive Assistants," in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2010, 577-585.
- Natarajan, S., Khot, T., Lowd, D., Tadepalli, P., Kersting, K., and Shavlik, J. W., "Exploiting Causal Independence in Markov Logic Networks: Combining Undirected and Directed Models," ECML/PKDD, 2010, 434-450
- Natarajan, S., Kunapuli, G., Judah, J., Tadepalli, P., Kersting, K., and Shavlik, J. W., "Multi-Agent Inverse Reinforcement Learning," in Interantional Conference on Machine Learning and Applications, 2010, 395-400.
- Wilson, A., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Bayesian Policy Search for Multi-Agent Role Discovery," in National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2010
- 44. Wilson, A., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Bayesian Role Discovery for Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning," in Autonomous Agents and Multi-aagent Systems, 2010, 1587-1588
- 45. Wilson, A., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Incorporating Domain Models into Bayesian Optimization for Reinforcement Learning," in European Conference on Machine Learning, 2010, 467-482
- 46. Doppa, J. R., Yu, J., Tadepalli, P., and Getoor, L., "Learning Algorithms for Link Prediction Based on Chance Constraints," in European Conference on Machine Learning, 2010, 344-360
- Bjarnason, R., Fern, A. and Tadepalli, P., "Lower Bounding Klondike Solitaire with Monte-Carlo Planning," in International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS), 2009, Outstanding Student Paper Award.

- Proper, S., Tadepalli, P., "Solving Multiagent Assignment Markov Decision Processes," in Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems, 2009.
- Proper, S., Tadepalli, P., "Transfer Learning via Relational Templates," in Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, 2009.
- Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P., Kunapuli, G., and Shavlik, J., "Learning Parameters for Relational Probabilistic Models with Noisy-Or Combining Rule," in Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications, 2009.
- Bjarnason, R., Tadepalli, P., Fern, A. and Niedner, C., "Simulation-based Optimization of Resource Placement and Emergency Response," in Proceedings of the Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI), 2009.
- 52. Proper, S. and Tadepalli, P., "Multiagent Transfer Learning via Assignment-based Decomposition," in Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications, 345-350, 2009.
- 53. Zhang, X., Yoon, S., Dibona, P., Appling, D., Ding, L., Doppa, J., Green, D., et al., "An Ensemble Learning and Problem Solving Architecture for Airspace Management," in Proceedings of the Conference on Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI), 2009.
- 54. Mehta, N., Ray, S., Tadepalli, P., and Dietterich, T. "Automatic Discovery and Transfer of MAXQ Hierarhies," in International Conference on Machine Learning, 2008.
- Natarajan, S., Bui, H., Tadepalli, P., Kersting, K., Wong, W-K. "Logical Hierarchical Hidden Markov Models for User Activity Recognition," in International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, 2008.
- 56. Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P., and Fern A. "A Relational Hierarchical Model for Decision Theoretic Assistance," in International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, 2007.
- 57. Parker, C., Fern, A., and Tadepalli, P., "Learning for Efficient Retrieval of Structured Data with Noisy Queries," in International Conference on Machine Learning, 2007.
- 58. Wilson, A., Fern, A., Ray, S. and Tadepalli, P. "Multi-Task Reinforcement Learning: A Hierarchical Bayesian Approach," in International Conference on Machine Learning, 2007.
- 59. Proper, S. and Tadepalli, P., "Scaling Model-Based Average-Reward Reinforcement Learning for Product Delivery," in European Conference on Machine Learning, 2006.
- Parker, C., Fern, A. and Tadepalli, P. "Gradient Boosting for Sequence Alignment," in National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2006.
- 61. Natarajan, S. and Tadepalli, P. "Dynamic Preferences in Multi-criteria Reinforcement Learning," in International Conference on Machine Learning, 2005.
- Natarajan, S., Tadepalli, P., Altendorf, E., Dietterich, T., Fern, A. and Restificar, A., "Learning First-Order Probabilistic Models with Combining Rules," in International Conference on Machine Learning, 2005.
- 63. Chisholm, M. and Tadepalli, P. "Learning Decision Rules from Randomized Iterative Local Search" in Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2002.
- 64. Seri, S. and Tadepalli, P. "Model-based Hierarchical Average-Reward Reinforcement Learning," in Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2002.
- Amoth, T., Cull, P. and Tadepalli, P. "Exact Learning of Unordered Tree Patterns from Queries," in Proceedings of the Conference on Computational Learning Theory, 1999.

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- Reddy, C. and Tadepalli, P., "Learning First-Order Acyclic Horn Programs from Entailment," in Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 1998, also appeared in International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, 1998.
- 68. Tadepalli, P. and Dietterich, T. G. "Hierarchical Explanation-Based Reinforcement Learning," in Proceedings of International Machine Learning Conference, 1997.
- 69. Liere, R. and Tadepalli, P. "Active Learning with Committees for Text Categorization," in Proceedings of National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 1997.
- Reddy, C., Tadepalli, P. "Learning Goal-Decomposition Rules using Exercises," in Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 1997.
- Tadepalli, P. and Ok, D. "Scaling up Average Reward Reinforcement Learning by Approximating the Domain Models and the Value Function," in Proceedings of International Machine Learning Conference, 1996.
- 72. Ok, D. and Tadepalli, P., "Auto-exploratory Average Reward Reinforcement Learning," in Proceedings of National Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 1996.
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- Chao Ma, Ph.D., 2019 (Co-advised with Janardhan R. Doppa) Thesis: New Directions in Search-based Structured Prediction: Multi-Task Learning and Integration of Deep Models Current Employment: Machine Learning Engineer, Uber
- Mandana Hamidi-Haines, Ph.D., 2019 Thesis: Learning from Examples and Interactions Current Employment: Machine Learning Consultant, SunWize Power and Battery LLC
- Walker Orr, Ph.D., 2019
  Thesis: Towards Narrative Understanding with Deep Networks and Hidden Markov Models Current Employment: Assistant Professor, George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon

- 4. Aswin Raghavan, Ph.D., 2017. Thesis: Domain-Independent Planning for Markov Decision Processes with Factored State and Action Spaces (Runner-up for the best ICAPS Distinguished Dissertation Award) Current Employment: Research Scientist, SRI, Princeton, New Jersey
- Janardhan Rao Doppa, Ph.D., 2014 (Co-advised with Alan Fern). Thesis: Integrating Learning and Search for Structured Prediction (Nominated for ACM Distinguished Dissertation Award) Current Employment: Associate Professor, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington
- 6. Aaron Wilson, Ph.D., 2012 (Co-advised with Alan Fern). Thesis: Bayesian Methods for Knowledge Transfer and Policy Search in Reinforcement Learning Current Employment: Machine Learning Researcher, Google, Mountain View. California
- Neville Mehta, Ph.D., 2011.
  Thesis: Hierarchical Structure Discovery and Transfer in Sequential Decision Problems Current Employment: Data Scientist, Amazon Web Services, Portland, Oregon
- Ronny Bjarnason, Ph.D., 2010 (Co-advised with Alan Fern). Thesis: Monte-Carlo Planning for Probabilistic Domains Current Employment: Data Science Manager, Apple, Austin, Texas
- Scott Proper, Ph.D., 2010. Thesis: Solving Multiagent Reinforcement Learning Current Employment: Data Scientist and Machine Learning Researcher, EBay Bellevue, Washington
- Sriraam Natarajan, Ph.D., 2007. Thesis: Effective Decision-Theoretic Assistance Through Relational Hierarchical Models. Current Employment: Professor, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas
- Charles Parker, Ph.D., 2007. Thesis: Structured Gradient Boosting. Current Employment: VP, Machine Learning Algorithms, Big ML, Chicago, Illinois
- Tom Amoth, Ph.D., 2001. Co-advisor with Prof. Paul Cull. Thesis: Exact Learning of Tree Patterns. (Nominated for the ACM Distinguished Dissertation Award)
- Ray Liere, Ph.D., 1999.
  Thesis: Active Learning with Committees: An Approach To Efficient Learning in Text Categorization Using Linear Threshold Algorithms
- Chandra Reddy, Ph.D., 1998.
  Thesis: Learning Hierarchical Decomposition Rules for Planning: An Inductive Logic Programming Approach.
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- Meghamala Sinha, M.S., 2019 Thesis: Pooling vs Voting: An Empirical Study of Learning Causal Structures
- 2. Harish Dayapule, M.S., 2019 Project: Extending the Scope of Hindsight Optimization for Emergency Response Planning

- Purbasha Chatterjee, M.S., 2018 Thesis: Answer Selection with Attentive Clustering
- 4. Rui Qin, M.S., 2016 Project: Extracting Structured Data from Extreme Weather Reports
- 5. Kranti Kumar Potanapalli, M.S., 2013 (Co-advised with Alan Fern). Thesis: Coactive Learning for Multi-robot Search and Coverage
- Kiran Polavarapu, M.S., 2006. Project: Event and Sentiment Extraction in the Financial Domain
- Thierry Donneaugolencer, M.S., 2005 Project: Planning in Multi-agent Partially Observable Domains using Sparse Sampling.
- 8. Sriraam Natarajan, M.S., 2004. Thesis: Multi-criteria Average-reward Reinforcement Learning.
- Nimish Dharawat, M.S., 2004 Project: Learning Tree Patterns for Information Extraction.
- Kim Mach, M.S., 2004. Project: An Experimental Evaluation of Auto-exploratory Average-reward Reinforcement Learning.
- 11. Hong Tang, M.S., 2002. Project: Average-reward Reinforcement Learning for Product Delivery by Multiple Vehicles.
- Sandeep Seri, M.S., 2002. Thesis: Hierarchical Average-reward Reinforcement Learning.
- Michael Chisholm, M.S., 1999.
  Thesis: Learning Classification Rules by Randomized Iterative Local Search
- Peter Drake, M.S., 1995. Thesis: Constructive Induction for Improved Learning of Boolean Functions.
- Qi Yenong, M.S., 1993. Project: Local Search Methods for Job-Shop Scheduling.
- Silvana Roncagliolo, M.S., 1993. Project: Empirical Speedup Learning of Decomposition Rules for Planning.
- Ramana Isukapalli, M.S., 1992. Thesis: Learning Macro-operators for Planning using Simulators.

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 Benjamin Patrick Martin, B.S., 2000. Thesis: Monte Carlo Counterfactual Regret Minimization Applied to Clue

#### Graduate Courses Taught:

Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms: Design, Analysis and Implementation, Ethics and Diverity in EECS, Machine Learning, Algorithms and Data Structures, Theory of Computation and Formal Languages, Special Topics in Artificial Intelligence (Reinforcement Learning, Speedup Learning, Explanation-Based Learning).

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Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Programming, Introduction to Theory of Computation, Social and Ethical Issues in Computing, Analysis of Algorithms, Introduction to Computer Science II (with C++ and Java).