

EDUCATION

PhD. Degree in Computer Science (May, 2010)

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Advisor: Dr. Robert Harrison

Dissertation: Integrating Information Theory Measures and a Novel Rule-Set-Reduction Technique to Improve Fuzzy Decision Tree Induction Algorithms.

Developed a Fuzzy decision induction tool that produced classification results comparable to those produced by state-of-art Machine learning tools including SVM and Random Forests.

MS. Degree in Computer Science (Aug, 2009)

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Advisor: Dr. Robert Harrison

Thesis: Fuzzy Decision Trees

MS. Degree in Information Systems (MIS)(Dec, 2004)

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

BSc. Degree in Electronics Engineering (Feb, 1996)

Al-Quds University, Jerusalem

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- Fall/2009: Georgia State University Molecular Basis of Disease Initiative (MBD) fellowship for the academic year 2009/2010.
- Fall/2008: Georgia State University Molecular Basis of Disease Initiative (MBD) fellowship for the academic year 2008/2009.
- Placed on Deans' Honor List for all the semesters of my undergraduate study.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Research Interests:

Machine Learning Techniques and their applications. Information Security. Computer Networks, Network Security, Bioinformatics, Innovative Teaching Techniques and E-learning.

Book Chapters:

Programming Fundamentals: Wrote a chapter and reviewed the book. The book is currently used by Georgia Gwinnett College as the text book for the first programming class in information Technology and was published as open TextBook.

Publications

My Research is multidisciplinary. I have publications in Machine Learning, Computer Networks, and Bioinformatics. Below is a list of my publications:

1. Park, Hyesung & Jin, Wei & Price, Richard & Im, Tacksoo & Dekhane, S. & Lutz, Robert & Abu-Halaweh, Na'el. (2020). The Impact of Affordable Learning Open Textbook on Computing Education. 309-310. 10.1145/3374135.3385317. ACMSE 2020, Tampa, Florida, April 2-4, 2020.
2. Park, Hyesung & Jin, Wei & Price, Richard & Im, Tacksoo & Dekhane, S. & Lutz, Robert & Abu-Halaweh, Na'el. (2020). Impact of a Free Textbook on an Introductory Programming Course, IEEE Integrated STEM Education Conference, March 28, 2020, Princeton, NJ.
3. Abu-halaweh Na'el, Sabnis Amit, Harrison Robert W., " **Prediction of regulatory sRNAs in prokaryotes using machine learning tools**". Proceedings of Bioinformatics 2011, International Conference on Bioinformatics Models, Methods and Algorithms (BIOINFORMATICSSciTePress (2011), p. 75-81.). Rome, Italy, Jan 2011.
4. Abu-halaweh Na'el, Harrison Robert W., " **FDT 1.0: An Improved Fuzzy Decision Tree Induction Tool**", Proceedings of NAFIPS, 2010, p.p. 1-5.

5. A. Reyaz-Ahmed, N. Abu-halaweh, R. W. Harrison and Y.-Q. Zhang, "**Protein Model Assessment via Improved Fuzzy Decision Tree**", Proc. of BIOCOMP 2010, Las Vegas, July 12-15, 2010
6. Abu-halaweh Nael, Harrison Robert W., "**Identifying the Essential Features for the Classification of Real and Pseudo MicroRNAs Precursors Using Fuzzy Decision Trees**", Proceedings of the IEEE Conference in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB 2010). Montreal, Canada.
7. Abu-halaweh N., Harrison R. W., "**Prediction and Classification of Real and Pseudo MicroRNA Precursors via Data Fuzzification and Fuzzy Decision Trees**", Proceedings of ISBRA, pages 323-334, 2009.
8. Abu-halaweh N., Harrison R. W., "**Rule Set Reduction in Fuzzy Decision Trees**", Proceedings of NAFIPS, 2009, p.p. 1-4.
9. Abu-halaweh N., Harrison R. W., "**Practical Fuzzy Decision Trees**", Proceeding of IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Data Mining (CIDM09), 2009, p.p. 211-216.
10. Clincy, Victor, Saeda Mustafa, and Nael Abu Halaweh, "**Effect of TCP Window Scaling on TCP Performance**", Las Vegas, Nevada [International Conference on Internet Computing (ICOMP07)], June 25-28, 2007
11. Clincy, Victor, and Nael Abu Halaweh, "**Analysis of the Internetworking Protocol Version 6**", Las Vegas, Nevada [International Conference on Internet Computing (ICOMP07)], June 25-28, 2007
12. Clincy, Victor and Nael Abu-Halaweh, "**A Taxonomy of Free Network Sniffers for Teaching and Research**", The Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges, Volume 21, Number 1, October 2005
13. Clincy, Victor, and Nael Abu-Halaweh "**Adaptive Traffic Engineering Effect on Router Delay Using MPLS**", Honolulu, Hawaii [International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED) Internet & Multimedia Systems & Applications International Conference], August 15-17, 2005
14. Clincy, Victor, Nael Abu-Halaweh and Padmaja Mudiraj, "**Traffic Analysis of a Multimedia Network**", Honolulu, Hawaii [International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED) Internet & Multimedia Systems & Applications International Conference], August 15-17, 2005
15. Clincy, Victor and Nael Abu-Halaweh, "**Performance Evaluation of IPv6 versus IPv4**", Las Vegas, Nevada [6th International Conference on Communications in Computing (CIC05)], June 27-30, 2005
16. Clincy, Victor and Nael Abu-Halaweh, "**Voice Over MPLS (VoMPLS) – A Case Study**", Las Vegas, Nevada [5th International Conference on Communications in Computing (CIC04)], June 21-24, 2004

PROFESSIONAL AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Invited Talk**, "*A New Approach to health care management*", 4th National Forum on the 4th Industrial Revolution 9th & 10th September 2019. Al-bireh
- **Invited Talk**, "*Modern Techniques to Remotely Proctor E-Exams*", 1st Workshop on Center of E-learning Staff capacity building, Al-Quds Open University, Ramallah
- **Invited talk**, "Intelligent Transport Systems in Palestine: Promoters and Challenges", The 6th Information and communication Technology Day, Al-Quds Open University, Ramallah
- **Invited Talk**, "The Role of Document Management Systems in Improving the Efficiency of Business Processes", American Pan and Engineering Annual Seminar titled "Going Green", American Pan and Engineering Headquarters, Palmetto, GA.
- **Invited Talk**, "Classification of Real and Pseudo MicroRNA Precursors Using Fuzzy Decision Trees". Molecular Basis of Disease Research Day, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- **Paper**, "Prediction and Classification of Real and Pseudo MicroRNA Precursors via Data Fuzzification and Fuzzy Decision Trees". 5th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- **Paper**, "Rule Set Reduction in Fuzzy Decision Trees". The 28th North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society Annual Conference. Cincinnati, OH
- **Paper**, " Practical Fuzzy Decision Trees". IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Data Mining, Nashville, TN.
- **Paper**, "Effect of TCP Window Scaling on TCP Performance". International Conference on Internet Computing (ICOMP07), Las Vegas, Nevada
- **Paper**, "Analysis of the Internetworking Protocol Version 6". International Conference on Internet Computing (ICOMP07), Las Vegas, Nevada

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Combined Strong theoretical background with extensive practical experience to produce an exciting classroom experience.

- Assistant Professor of Computer Science**, Al-Quds Open University, Palestine (October, 2019 – current)
- Assistant Professor of Information Technology**, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, GA (August, 2015 – July, 2019)
- Part-time Faculty**, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, GA (Spring, 2013, August 2015)
- Assistant Professor and Head of CIS department**, Al-Quds Open University, Ramallah (1/2012-12/ 2012)
- Part-time Faculty**, Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, GA (8/2010 – 12/2011)
- Instructor**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (2005 – 2010)
- Teaching Assistant**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (2005 – 2010)
- Teaching Assistant (Lab Assistant)**, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA (2003-2004)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Dean of Technology and Applied Sciences**, Alquds Open University, Ramallah (September, 2020– current)
- Conducting Administrative duties of the college of technology and Applied Sciences.
 - Working on the curricula development for the college.
 - Worked on establishing and getting accreditation for new academic graduate programs.
 - A member of several university committees including the academic committee and graduate studies committee.

ICTC Consultant/Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Alquds Open University, Ramallah (October, 2019 – September, 2020)

Writing and reviewing proposals, Reviewing and overseeing QOU infrastructure and providing consultation. Member in the faculty of Technology and Sciences Council. Worked on several projects related to curricula development and starting new programs.

Interactive Technology Services, Alpharetta GA

Chief Systems Architect and manager, December, 2015 – current

Design and implement the company IT infrastructure including servers, firewalls and storage. Analyze design a Lab Management Software (LIS). Provide workflow consultation for medical labs including Genetics, pathology and toxicology. Integrate LIS and EHR (Electronic Health Record) applications. Integrate LIS and Medical billing applications. Interface and integrate LIS with medical lab equipment.

Fiserv, Alpharetta GA

Changes and PCI Compliance Senior Systems Engineer, October, 2014 – April, 2020

Provide day-day support for changes, security scans, and patching. Working with other teams to make sure that systems are PCI Compliant. Automating software deployments.

Nue Medical Consulting, inc., Lawrenceville GA

Director of IT, May, 2014 – August, 2015

Effectively managed systems to ensure ongoing operation to support business needs. Increased business processes efficiency through suggesting and later implementing a document support system which integrates with the human resources, accounting and payroll applications. Reduced network and systems downtime (almost zero downtime) by utilizing a proactive maintenance approach. Provided day-day administrative activities of the IT department. Managed IT project concerning software and infrastructure. Assisted in the software development process. Provided the top management with reports needed to support their decisions. Designed and implemented the company IT infrastructure including servers, firewalls, storage. Developed several tools to automate business processes. Developed training materials and conducted training classes on Lab management System (LIS).

Confirmatrix Laboratory, inc. , Lawrenceville GA**Software Interfacing and Systems Admin**, July, 2013 – May, 2014

Provided technical support for Lab's network. Installed and configured Windows 2012 server, (DNS, DHCP, Group policies, IIS), Installed and configured exchange 2013 in a Data Availability Group. Configured ASA Cisco firewalls. Worked with integrating Lab Management Information Systems with Clinic Software.

Al-Quds Open University, Ramallah**Head of CIS Department, Head of ICT Research Unit**, Jan, 2012 – Dec, 2012

Taught a number of undergraduate courses. Participated in curriculum assessment and development. Participated in planning for the establishment of a national research center. Provided consultation in the field of E-Learning, Computer Networks, and Network Security.

American Pan and Engineering, Palmetto, GA**IT manager and Systems Administrator**, May, 2005 – Feb, 2012

Analyzed business needs and recommended Hardware and Software solutions. Managed the Company paperless initiative Project. Managed the company's biometric sign-in application. Installed, administered and maintained the company's WAN and LANs (3 Locations). Installed and administered the company's windows-based network (2000/2003/2008), services included DNS, DHCP, IIS and others. Provided desktop and end-user applications support. Installed and supported Microsoft SQL Server 2003 and the company's database applications. Configured and maintained Firewalls, Wireless Access Points, Switches, DVR and VPN, Designed and maintained the company's website.

Al-Quds Open University, Ramallah**Network Administrator**, Sep, 1999 – Jan, 2003

Played a key role in IT Planning. Provided technical support for a group of twenty three network administrators. Taught many technical classes including A+, MSCE track, CNA, CCNA and others. Involved in Software development and analysis. Designed and implemented the university WAN (23 sites connected via frame relay, leased lines and E1 communication lines). Performed network administration (Operating systems including NT4.0, Windows 2000, SCO & Digital Unix). Maintained Servers, PCs and laptops (Software and hardware). Administered and maintained Server applications including Proxy Server 2.0, Microsoft Exchange 5.5 and Microsoft Exchange 2000. Installed and configured Cisco Routers. Provided support & maintenance for the university's various department information systems including desktop O.S and applications. Performed network performance analysis and tuning.

Ministry of Education, Ramallah**Head of Technical Support Section and Network Administrator**, Dec, 1996 – Jan, 2003

Designed, implemented and Provided network technical support (Novell Netware 4.11 and NT4.0, Server hardware and software, PCs hardware, desktop OS and applications, printers, hubs, switches and routers). Participated in the application development process (Applications: Human Resources Management System, Inventory management System, Question Bank database and others). Involved in hardware and software specification (PCs, Hubs, Routers... etc). Represented the ministry in many technical meetings & conferences. Organized and conducted basic computer training classes for end users.

Microlink Information Systems, Ramallah**Technical Consultant**, May, 1999 – Jan, 2001

Provided technical solutions and studies. Prepared training materials and implemented networks. Taught the following training courses: A+, Dos, Windows (95,98,Me, 2000), MCSE (Windows NT 4.0 Server & Workstation, Windows 2000 Server & Professional, Exchange 5.5 & 2000, Proxy Server 2.0, TCP/IP, Securing Windows 2000... etc), Novell Netware CNA (4.11,5.0), Cisco IOS (CCNA).

SERVICES

- Member of the ACM Student Chapter at Georgia State University until December, 2010.
- Publicity officer of the ACM Student Chapter at Georgia State University for the academic year 2008/2009.
- Reviewer for several conferences and journals
- Al-Quds University: Established and supervised the Open Electronics Lab and provided volunteer tutoring for Math, general chemistry and general physics classes.