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EDUCATION

PhD in Computing and Information Sciences
Rochester Institute of Technology
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Dissertation: Modeling Comparative Judgments with Machine Learning [\[PDF\]](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- Khan, M. M., & Yu, Z. (2024). [Approaching Code Search for Python as a Translation Retrieval Problem with Dual Encoders](#). *Empirical Software Engineering*, 30(1), 1-28. DOI: 10.1007/s10664-w024-10580-3
- Khan, M. M., Xi, X., Meneely, A., Tang, Y. & Yu, Z. [Efficient Story Point Estimation With Comparative Learning](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2507.14642 (2026).
- Bethi, M. R., Jhade, S. R., Yaganti, P., Khan, M. M., & Yu, Z. [Modeling Art Evaluations from Comparative Judgments: A Deep Learning Approach to Predicting Aesthetic Preferences](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2602.00394 (2026).
- Minni, K., Zhang, Q., Khan, M. M., & Yu, Z. [Modeling Image-Caption Rating from Comparative Judgments](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2602.00381 (2026).

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Intern** **June 2024 - August 2024**
ABB
Mannheim, Germany
 - Developed an end-to-end NER/classification pipeline as an internal tool for mechanical engineers
 - Worked with text and image based industrial equipment data
 - Applied traditional NLP and ML methods, and contemporary deep learning models.
 - Final NER model showed an improvement in F-1 score of **0.36** over baseline models.
 - Used various tools including PyTorch, spaCy, scikit-learn, Hugging Face, MLflow.
 - Conducted as part of the **DAAD RISE Professional Program 2024**.
- **Graduate Research Assistant** **August-December in 2021-2023, 2024, 2025**
Lab of Human-In-the-Loop Software Engineering
Rochester Institute of Technology
Supervisor: Dr. Zhe Yu
 - Conducted research using NLP, ML, Deep learning and LLM-based architectures, primarily to support software engineering tasks.
 - Conducted research on **Code Search** to build a tool to retrieve the most relevant code snippets based on a text query. The model showed an average improvement of **10.03%** over state-of-the-art methods in terms of MRR scores. This work was published in EMSE and presented at FSE 2025.
 - Conducted research on **Comparative Learning** to propose a comparative framework for agile story point estimation to predict more accurate sorted list of user stories. This framework showed an average increase of **21.84%** in Spearman's rank correlation coefficient scores.
 - Conducted human subject experiments to support comparative learning research.
 - Also explored research involving RLHF, explainable AI and image classification.
 - Served as **Graduate mentor** for **REU Site: Trustworthy AI Workshop 2025**.
 - Mentored Masters students on thesis projects, helping extending them to submissions for peer-review.
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Rochester Institute of Technology
 - **IDAI-710: Fundamentals of Machine Learning** **IDAI-720: Research Methods for Artificial Intelligence**
January-May in 2025, 2026 January-May 2024

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming languages	Python, Java, R, C, C++, JavaScript
Machine Learning & AI	TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, scikit-learn, Transformers, Hugging Face
MLOps & Data Engineering	MLflow, Airflow, PySpark, Docker
Frameworks & Databases	Flask, Spring, Angular, SQL (Oracle, SQLite), NoSQL (MongoDB)
Tools & Methodologies	Git (GitHub, Azure DevOps), LaTeX, Agile, Scrum

DOCTORAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Code Search

2021 - 2024

Research project focusing on retrieving programming language artifacts related to some natural language queries from a pool of possible programming language artifacts and ranking them by relevance, using dual encoder models. Model is built in Python using TensorFlow and Keras modules. This model showed an average improvement of 10.03% over state-of-the-art methods in terms of MRR scores. This work has been published in Empirical Software Engineering Journal (EMSE) and presented at FSE 2025 in the journal-first track.

Comparative learning

2023 - 2026

Research project focusing on modeling comparative judgments for Agile story point estimation through machine learning and human subject experiments. The machine learning experiments involved building a framework to learn from pairwise story point data to learn to rank them. These experiments involved building or fine-tuning traditional ML pipelines, deep learning based pipelines, Transformer-based language models (BERT, GPT2, Llama3) and RLHF methods. The framework was implemented using TensorFlow and PyTorch modules. The proposed approach showed an average increase of 21.84% in Spearman's rank correlation coefficient scores over state-of-the-art models.

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Explainable image classification

2024

Image processing and Explainable AI-based research project focusing on explaining a pre-trained VGG model's classification decisions on face image data. This work involved fine-tuning a pre-trained VGG model on SCUT face image data for classification, and using the model's gradients on the images to explain why the model made those decisions.

Comparative learning for face image attractiveness

2024 - 2026

Research project focused on modeling comparative learning on face image data. This work involved using the comparative judgment framework with a pre-trained VGG model as the encoder to predict a ranked preference order for the images.

Comparative learning for image captioning

2024 - 2026

Research project focused on modeling comparative learning on image and associated caption data. This work involved using the comparative judgment framework on this multi-modal data to predict whether a paired image and text caption are likely to be connected.

Modeling Art Evaluations from Comparative Judgments

2024 - 2026

Research project focused on modeling comparative learning on image data. This work involved using the comparative judgment framework on image based data to evaluate direct and comparative judgments on image data.

Outdated comment detection for repository commits

2024

Research project focused on detecting whether the comment associated with repository commits are up-to-date or outdated after new commits. This work involved the use of various deep learning structures, including dual encoders.

Bangla Text Summarization

2019 - 2020

A research project on abstractive text summarization in Bangla for a synthetically generated dataset. Model was built using TensorFlow modules. The research was conducted as the final year research project during undergraduate studies at the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at University of Dhaka.

MENTORSHIP & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

• Graduate mentor, REU Site: Trustworthy AI Workshop 2025

Faculty mentor: Dr. Zhe Yu

Mentored a visiting student on a research project focused on outdated comment detection in repository commits. Mentorship responsibilities included -

- Guiding the overall direction of the research project
- Contributing to experimental design and methodology
- Providing detailed feedback on literature review, experiment execution, and report writing

• Informal Graduate Mentor, Human-in-the-Loop Software Engineering Lab, RIT

Mentored two Masters students on thesis projects involving comparative learning on image-caption data using multi-modal inputs. Support included -

- Guiding overall research direction and experiment planning
- Assisting with coding and architecture design
- Providing regular feedback in weekly meetings
- Supported extension of this work into a peer-reviewed article submission

SCHOLARSHIPS

- DAAD Rise Professional Program 2024


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