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## Current Position

2019- *Lecturer in IT* (full-time continue), Deakin University, Australia

## Teaching

Programming, Data Structure and Algorithm, Databases, Data Mining, Business Information Systems, Project Management, Student Projects

## Areas of Specialisation

Data mining and machine learning - Similarity Measures, Classification, Clustering, Anomaly Detection, Content-based Information Retrieval, Ensemble-based and Random methods, Learning from small subsamples of data

## Appointments Held

2016-2019 Lecturer (full-time), Federation University, Mt Helen, Australia  
2013-2016 Lecturer (sessional), ATMC (Federation University), Melbourne, Australia  
2014-2015 Data Engineer (part-time), Gyde Inc., Melbourne, Australia  
2014-2015 Teaching Associate (sessional), Monash University, Clayton, Australia  
2014-2015 Research Assistant (casual), Federation University, Churchill, Australia  
2013-2013 Software Developer (casual), Monash University, Clayton, Australia  
2012-2013 Research Assistant (casual), Monash University, Churchill, Australia  
2009-2010 Research Student (full-time), Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium  
2008-2009 Software Developer (full-time), Ingenico Asia Pacific International, Warriewood, Australia  
2006-2006 IT Officer (full-time), Nepal Bank Limited, Damauli, Nepal  
2002-2005 Computer Teacher (full-time), Kathmandu Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kathmandu, Nepal

## Education

2017 PhD, Monash University, Australia  
Thesis title [A data-dependent dissimilarity measure: An effective alternative to distance measures](#)  
Supervisors Prof. Kai Ming Ting (Federation/Monash University), Dr. Gholamreza (Reza) Haffari (Monash University) and Prof. Takashi Washio (Osaka University)

Examiners	Prof. Tu-Bao Ho (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) and Prof. Bernhard Pfahringer (Waikato University)
2012	MIT(Research), Monash University, Australia
Thesis title	<a href="#">New generative classifiers with mass-based likelihood estimation</a>
Supervisors	Prof. Kai Ming Ting (Federation/Monash University) and A/Prof. Madhu Chetty (Federation/Monash University)
Examiners	Prof. Geoff Webb (Monash University) and Prof. Xiaodong Li (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University)
2008	MIT(Coursework), University of Southern Queensland, Australia
2005	BIT, Purbanchal University, Nepal

## Selected Publications

- 2018 M. Santhanagopalan, M. Chetty, C. Foale, **S. Aryal** and B. Klein, Relevance of frequency of heart-rate peaks as indicator of biological stress level, To appear In *Proceedings of The 25th International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP 2018)* (Accepted in August 2018)
- 2018 **S. Aryal**, Anomaly detection technique robust to units and scales of measurement, In *Proceedings of the 22nd Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)* pp 589-601 Springer
- 2017 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, T. Washio and G. Haffari, Data dependent dissimilarity measure: An effective alternative to geometric distance measures, *Knowledge and Information Systems* 53(2) pp 479–506 Springer
- 2017 K. M. Ting, T. Washio, J. R. Wells and **S. Aryal**, Defying the gravity of learning curve: a characteristic of nearest neighbour anomaly detectors, *Machine Learning* 106(1) pp 55–91 Springer
- 2017 **S. Aryal**, A data-dependent dissimilarity measure: An effective alternative to distance measures, *PhD Thesis*, Clayton School of Information Technology, Monash University
- 2016 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, and G. Haffari, Revisiting Attribute Independence Assumption in Probabilistic Unsupervised Anomaly Detection, In *Proceedings of the 11th Pacific Asia Workshop on Intelligence and Security Informatics (PAISI)* pp 73-86 Springer
- 2014 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, G. Haffari and T. Washio, Mp-dissimilarity: A data dependent dissimilarity measure, In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)* pp 707-712 IEEE
- 2014 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, J. R. Wells and T. Washio, Improving iForest with Relative Mass, In *Proceedings of the 18th Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)* pp 510-521 Springer
- 2013 K. M. Ting, T. Washio, J. R. Wells, F. T. Liu and **S. Aryal**, DEMass: A new density estimator for big data, *Knowledge and Information Systems* 35(3) pp 493-524 Springer
- 2012 **S. Aryal**, New generative classifiers with mass-based likelihood estimation, *Master's Thesis*, Gippsland School of Information Technology, Monash University

The list of my publications are available in my [Google Scholar](#) and [DBLP](#) pages.

## Selected Talks & Posters

- 2018 K. M. Ting, **S. Aryal** and T. Washio, Which Outlier Detector should I use?, In the IEEE ICDM 2018, Singapore [One-day long tutorial]
- 2017 K. M. Ting and **S. Aryal**, The impact of sample size and dissimilarity on learning in dynamic

and uncertain environments, In the *US-AUS Robotics & Autonomy Workshop*, Adelaide, Australia  
[Invited talk to pitch research idea]

2015 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, G. Haffari and T. Washio, Beyond tf-idf and cosine distance in documents  
dissimilarity measure, In the *11th Conference of Asia Information Retrieval Societies (AIRS)*, Brisbane,  
Australia [Poster]

2014 **S. Aryal**, K. M. Ting, G. Haffari and T. Washio, Mp-dissimilarity: A data dependent dissimilarity  
measure, In the *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, Shenzhen, China [Talk]

## Grants, Honours & Awards

2015 Asian Information Retrieval Society (AIRS) student travel award to attend AIRS conference in Bris-  
bane, Australia

2015 Monash Institute of Graduate Research (MIGR) student travel grant to attend AIRS conference in  
Brisbane, Australia

2014 Alberta Innovates Centre for Machine Learning (AICML) student travel award to attend IEEE ICDM  
in Shenzhen, China

2014 Monash Institute of Graduate Research (MIGR) student travel grant to attend IEEE ICDM in Shen-  
zhen, China

2013 Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) for PhD at Monash University

2012 Best Poster Award at the Faculty of IT higher degrees by research conference, Monash University

2012 Monash Postgraduate Publication Award (PPA)

2012 Research student stipend for MIT(Research) from a research grant funded by US Air Force Research  
Laboratory awarded to Prof. Kai Ming Ting

2009 Research student scholarship by a research grant funded by European Research Council awarded  
to Dr. Jan Ramon

2007 Dean's award for outstanding academic achievement by University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

2007 Academic scholarships during MIT(Coursework) study at USQ

2006 ISACA prize by Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Brisbane Chapter

2001 Outstanding student full tuition fee waiver scholarship to study BIT

## Service to the Profession

2019 Program Committee Member - AAAI 2019 and PAKDD 2019

2018 Reviewer - The 27th International Symposium on Industrial Electronics (ISIE) 2018

2017 Reviewer - International Workshop on Effective Engineering Education (IWEEE) 2017

## Professional Memberships & Associations

2008- Australian Computer Society

2014- IEEE Computer Society

2014- IEEE Young Professionals