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POSITION	PhD Student at MIT	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Robotics, Human Robot Interactions, Markov Decision Processes, Reinforcement Learning, Cognitive modeling, Social Interactions, Dynamic Programming, Theory of Mind.	
EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (2021-Now) Massachusetts Institute of Technology M.S. in MIT Media Lab (2018-2020) Visvesvaraya Technological University B.S. in Computer Science (2006-2010)	
WORK EXPERIENCE	IBM T.J. Watson Research Center Research Staff Member (2010-2018)	

Publications

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREP	Ravi Tejawani*, Yen-Ling Kuo*, Tianmin Shu, Xavier Puig, Bennett Stankovits, Dan Gutfreund, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, Boris Katz, and Andrei Barbu. Towards designing benchmark for Social Interactions in Human-AI Collaboration.	
SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS	Ravi Tejawani*, Yen-Ling Kuo*, Tianmin Shu, Bennett Stankovits, Dan Gutfreund, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, Boris Katz, and Andrei Barbu. Social Linking MDPs. <i>Under review in IROS 2022</i> .	
CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	Ravi Tejawani*, Yen-Ling Kuo*, Tianmin Shu, Bennett Stankovits, Dan Gutfreund, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, Boris Katz, and Andrei Barbu (2022). Incorporating Rich Social Interactions Into MDPs. <i>In Proc. of International Conference of Robotics and Automation (ICRA)</i> . Ravi Tejawani*, Yen-Ling Kuo*, Tianmin Shu, Boris Katz, and Andrei Barbu. (2021). Social Interactions as Recursive MDPs. <i>In Proc. of Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)</i> . Ravi Tejawani, Felipe Moreno, Sooyeon Jeong, Hae Won Park, Cynthia Breazeal. (2020). Migratable AI: Effect of identity and information migration on users' perception of conversational AI agents. <i>In Proc. of International Conference on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)</i> .	

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Maria Chang, Matthew Ventura, Jae-wook Ahn, Peter Foltz, Tengfei Ma, Tejas I Dhamecha, Smit Marvaniya, Patrick Watson, Cassius D'heon, Amy Wetzel, Andy Packard Haas, Kaitlyn Banaszynski, John Behrens, Gailene Nelson, Sharad C Sundararajan, Ravi Tejawani, Shazia Afzal, Nirmal Mukhi. (2018). Dialogue-based tutoring at scale: Design and Challenges. *In Proc. of International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS)*.

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visit using user's personality profile. *In Proc. of International Conference on Computational Techniques in Information and Communication Technologies.*

WORKSHOP PAPERS

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Patents

GRANTED

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Cavallo, Marco; Tejawani, Ravi; Watson, Patrick; Sipolins, Aldis; Wu, Hui; (2021) Virtual generation of labeled motion sensor data *US Patent 10,922,821*

Sipolins, Aldis; Reinen, Jenna; Wu, Hui; Tejawani, Ravi; Cavallo, Marco; (2021) Facial mirroring in virtual and augmented reality *US Patent 10,915,740*

Cavallo, Marco; Reinen, Jenna; Tejawani, Ravi; Sipolins, Aldis; Wu, Hui; (2021) Personalized interactive presentation via augmented reality *US Patent 11,010,176*

Ahn, Jae-Wook; Chang, Maria D; Tejawani, Ravi; Watson, Patrick D; (2020) Adaptive presentation of educational content via templates *US Patent 10,629,089*

Sipolins, Aldis; Reinen, Jenna; Wu, Hui; Tejawani, Ravi; Cavallo, Marco; (2020) Condition detection in a virtual reality system *US Patent 10,524,737*

Sipolins, Aldis; Reinen, Jenna; Tejawani, Ravi; Cavallo, Marco; Wu, Hui; (2020) Augmented reality speed reading *US Patent 10,725,540*

Kozloski, James R; Tejawani, Ravi; Asthana, Neeraj; Chefalas, Thomas; (2020) Incremental adaptive modification of virtual reality image *US Patent 10,732,705*

Cavallo, Marco; Sipolins, Aldis; Reinen, Jenna; Tejawani, Ravi; Wu, Hui; (2020) Locomotion in virtual reality desk applications *US Patent 10,775,879*

Lei, Hui L ; Mohindra, Ajay; Ranchal, Rohit; Tejawani, Ravi; (2019) Decomposing composite product reviews *US Patent 10,268,677*

APPLICATION

Kasireddy, Vinay Kumar Reddy; Mukhi, Nirmal Kumar; Tejawani, Ravi; (2020) Adaptive dialog strategy for multi turn conversation systems using interaction sequences *US Patent App. 16/172,016*

SIPOLINS, Aldis; Cavallo, Marco; Tejawani, Ravi; Reinen, Jenna; Wu, Hui; (2020) Enhanced Speed Reading With Eye Tracking And Blink Detection *US Patent App. 16/197,874*

SIPOLINS, Aldis; Watson, Patrick; Tejawani, Ravi; Cavallo, Marco; Wu, Hui; (2020) Closed loop biofeedback dynamic assessment *US Patent App. 16/448,176*

Chang, Maria D; Sundararajan, Sharad; Tejawani, Ravi; Watson, Patrick D; (2020) Adaptive Presentation of Educational Content *US Patent App. 16/802,491*

Ma, Ryan; Mujumdar, Raghavendra; O'keeffe, William G; Tejawani, Ravi; (2019) Machine learning for medical screening recommendations based on patient activity information in social media *US Patent App. 15/656,406*

Abuelsaad, Tamer E; Tejawani, Ravi; Watson, Patrick; SIPOLINS, Aldis; (2019) Adaptive Rendering of Virtual and Augmented Displays to Improve Display Quality for Users Having Different Visual Abilities *US Patent App. 15/927,776*

Eisen, Jeffrey N; Kumamuru, Krishna; Sharma, Tuhin; Tejawani, Ravi; (2017) User experience using social and financial information *US Patent App. 15/041,458*

Selected Press

Giving robots Social Skills. (2021). [MIT News](#)

Meet the robots with their very own social skills. (2021). [World Economic Forum](#)

Teaching robots to socialize. (2021). [TechCrunch](#)

Researchers are working on giving robots social skills. (2021). [Engadget](#)

Teaching Robots How to Interact With Humans and Other Robots.(2021). [Techtimes](#)

Will Robots Live With Humans Soon? (2021). [Science Times](#)

Service and Leadership

SERVICE Reviewer: Neural Information Processing Systems (*NeurIPS*), International Conference on Learning Representations (*ICLR*), Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (*AAAI*), International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (*HRI*), International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (*IUI*).

Area Chair: International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (*IUI*).

LEADERSHIP IBM *Corporate Social Responsibility (CSC)* Leadership Program, Summer 2016, Zagreb, Croatia (acceptance rate: 0.5%)

Part of 12 member team from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, India, Mexico, Philippines, and the USA which worked with the Department of Public Administration & Health, Croatia to recommend data analytics solutions on open data for the public sector, e-Citizens, and registries. The technical recommendations were shared with the *Prime Minister of Croatia*.

Rescue and Relief Operation (Earthquake), June 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal

Worked as a Technical Assistant under the Ministry of Defense, India. Duties included de-duplication of victims data, providing real-time data analytics to the Indian Air Force, and set up a disaster management system for the distribution of relief materials to the displaced people. [Disaster Management System](#), [Facebook Page](#)

Rescue and Relief Operation (Flash floods), May 2013, Uttarakhand, India

Worked as a Technical Assistant under the Ministry of Defense, India. Duties included de-duplication of missing people data, development of data API to load the missing persons data onto social media in an attempt to trace them. In coordination with the state police department, we ended up rescuing more than 400 missing people and connected them with their loved ones. [Press Release](#), [Facebook Page](#)

STUDENTS
MENTORED

Bennett L Stankovits (2020-)