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Academic Qualifications

Year	Degree/Certificate	Institute	CPI/%
2019 - 2023	B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur	9.2/10
2019	Class XII (CBSE)	Ryan International School, Sanpada	96.2%
2017	Class X (CBSE)	Delhi Public School, Navi Mumbai	10/10

Scholastic Achievements

- **Academic Excellence Award** for being in top 10% students in dept. for **three consecutive years** 2019-21
- **All India Rank 217** in **JEE Advanced** among 230k shortlisted candidates, conducted by IIT Roorkee 2019
- **All India Rank 217** in **JEE Mains** among more than 1.2 million candidates, conducted by the CBSE 2019
- **KVPY-SX Fellowship**, securing **All India Rank 624** among 50,000 candidates, conducted by IISc Bangalore 2018
- Qualified the **Regional Math Olympiad** and attended **INMOTC** for being in the top 1% among 55,000 candidates 2017
- **NTSE Scholarship**, awarded to top 1000 among 1 million candidates, Government of India 2017

Experience

MITACS research intern, *Université de Montréal*

May 2022 - July 2022

Mentor: *Prof. Fabian Bastin, Uncertain Lab*

GitHub

- Examined usage of **retrospective approximation** in **stochastic optimization** to improve upon **SGD** and **L-BFGS**
- Constructed statistical stopping tests based on **common random numbers** for automated termination of the algorithm
- Tested the retrospective algorithm on **synthetic datasets** with **custom L-BFGS** solver written in **julia**
- Concluded that the algorithm **outperforms** L-BFGS with the number of gradient calls as a metric

Undergraduate research intern, *Northeastern University*

May 2021 - June 2022

Mentor: *Prof. Alina Oprea, NDS2 Lab*

Report

- Designed **defenses** against **poisoning attacks** in ML using **randomized feature selection** and **ensembling**
- Worked with existing code base to **extend attacks** to **Drebin** and **MNIST** datasets and tested **attack efficacy** on them
- Modeled a **theoretical framework** for the defense, derived **lower bound** on test time accuracy under attack settings
- Conducted **experiments** on above datasets, visualized results with **Pluto.jl** and **corroborated** it with theoretical results

Projects

Stochastic Gradient Barker Descent(SGBD)

Jan 2022 - April 2022

Undergraduate Project, *Prof. Dootika Vats, Statistics Dept., IIT Kanpur*

GitHub, Report

- Developed a novel, approximate MCMC technique robust to tuning parameters while being effective as **SOTA methods**
- Evaluated SGBD on the **arrhythmia dataset** and **constrained support systems**; Inferred it outperforms **SGLD** when used in **non-optimal** settings, with **kernel stein discrepancy** and **effective sample size** as metrics

Parallel Programming

Jan 2022 - April 2022

Course Project, *Prof. Mainak Chaudhuri, CSE, IIT Kanpur*

GitHub

- Implemented several software locks like **test & test & set**, **array locks** without **false sharing** using **cmpxchg** instruction
- Optimized **GPU Algorithms** for **Gauss-Seidel solver** and **matrix vector product** using **shared memory**
- Implemented **parallel algorithms** while accounting for **cache effects** in **lower triangle solvers** using **OpenMP APIs**

Building GemOS

Aug 2021 - Nov 2021

Course Project, *Prof. Debadatta Mishra, CSE, IIT Kanpur*

- Designed **system calls** for **pipe** and **persistent pipe** structures for sharing data between multiple processes
- Devised thread **join**, **exit** and **create** system calls to develop a library of **threading APIs** with **private memory areas**

Technical Skills

Programming: C, C++, Python, Julia, R

Exposure: Verilog, Go, TensorFlow

Utilities: Git, L^AT_EX, Bash

Machine Learning: PyTorch, PyTorch Lightning, Scikit-learn, Flux.jl

Relevant Coursework

Operating Systems

Parallel Programming

Multicore Architecture

Programming for Performance

Computer Organization

Statistical Simulation and Data Analysis

Deep Learning for Computer Vision

Probabilistic Machine Learning

Introduction to Machine Learning

Positions of Responsibility

Secretary, Programming Club IIT Kanpur

May 2020 - May 2021

- Organized regular lectures, workshops and contests to inculcate the programming culture in campus
- Responsible for managing Competitive Programming Competition for students of the institute