# AYTIJHYA SAHA

### Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2023 2025 Master of Statistics [M.Stat], Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India.
  - Currently in 2nd year
  - Specialization: Theoretical Statistics
  - Dissertation Advisors: Prof. Aaditya Ramdas and Prof. Soumendu Sundar Mukherjee
- 2020 2023 Bachelor of Statistics [B.Stat] (Honours), Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India.
  - Secured 91.10% in aggregate.
  - Secured the 1st position in the B.Stat program among a batch of 40 peers.
- 2018 2020 Higher secondary education, Manindra Nath High School, Cooch Behar, WB, India.
  - Marks in Higher Secondary Examination: 98.40%
  - Secured a rank of 8 out of 11,02,921 candidates
- 2010 2018 **Secondary education**, *Sunity Academy*, Cooch Behar, WB, India.
  - Marks in Secondary Examination (Madhyamik): 97.29%
  - Secured a rank of 9 out of 7,61,583 candidates

### Areas of Interest

My research interests span a broad spectrum within algorithms, theory, and applications of statistics and machine learning. Here is a list of topics I have recently explored or am currently exploring:

- **Statistics:** Nonparametric Statistics, Game-theoretic statistics, High dimensional statistics, Sequential Testing, Change-point detection and localization, Causal Inference.
- Machine Learning: Conformal Prediction, Classification, Clustering Techniques, Reinforcement Learning and Multi-armed bandits, Neural Networks, Deep learning.

## Published papers/articles

#### **Published at Journals**

- A. Saha, N. R. Pal. Group-Feature Selection Using a Neural Network With Group Lasso Regularization and Controlled Redundancy. Accepted to appear in the Neurocomputing, 2024. URL: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neucom.2024.128596
- 2024 **A. Saha**, A. Ramdas. *Saha and Ramdas' discussion of "Poisson-focus" by Ward, Dilillo, Eckley and Fearnhead*. Accepted to appear in the **Journal of the American Statistical Association (JASA), 2024**. URL: https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.2024.2402957

#### **Published at Conferences**

2024 A. Saha, A. Ramdas. Testing Exchangeability by Pairwise Betting. Published at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2024. (ORAL) URL: https://proceedings.mlr.press/v238/saha24b.html

J. Ray Choudhury\*, A. Saha\*, S. Roy, S. Dutta. Robust Classification of High-Dimensional Data using Data-Adaptive Energy Distance. Published at the European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases: Research Track. (ECML PKDD), 2023. URL: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-43424-2\_6

### **Preprints**

2024 **A. Saha**, A. Ramdas. *Robust likelihood ratio tests for composite nulls and alternatives*. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.14015

### **Summer Internships (On-site)**

Summer, Summer internship at the **Department of Statistics and Data Science, Carnegie Mellon** 

2024 University, Pittsburgh

Supervisor: Prof. Aaditya Ramdas, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh

**Brief description of the work:** Designed a new sequential anytime valid robust likelihood ratio test for composite nulls and alternatives. Details in the *paper*.

Summer, Big Data Summer Institute (BDSI), School of Public Health, University of Michigan,

2023 Ann Arbor

Supervisor: Prof. Rahul Ladhania, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**Brief description of the work:** Studied causal inference and worked with electronic health records (EHR) data.

Summer, Summer Research Fellowship Program (SRFP) organised by Indian National Science 2022 Academy (INSA)

Supervisor: Prof. Manjunath Krishnapur, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore

**Brief description of the work:** Studied some special topics on probability theory including probability in high dimensional space, Markov Chain Monte Carlo, mixing time of Markov chains, Random walks and electrical networks, Hidden Markov Model.

## Other Academic Experiences

Dec 2018 - Participant of Indian National Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (INMOTC) at Jan 2019 Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

Apr - May Participant of **International Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (IMOTC)** orga-2019 nized by *Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Mumbai* 

May, 2020 Participant (as a member of the senior batch) of **International Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (IMOTC)** organized virtually by *Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education*(HBCSE), Mumbai

Jul, 2021 Participant of **Mathematical Summer in Paris** (online edition) organised by *CNRS/ Université Paris-Saclay* 

### Academic Accolades

- 2023-2024 Received prize money for outstanding performance in all semesters (so far) in M.Stat program at the Indian Statistical Institute
  - 2023 Received **Mrs. M.R. Iyer Memorial Gold Medal** for outstanding performance in B.Stat (Hons.) program (2020-2023) at the Indian Statistical Institute
  - 2023 Received **Nikhilesh Bhattacharya Memorial Gold Medal** for the best performance in Statistics in B.Stat (Hons.) program (2020-2023) at the Indian Statistical Institute
  - 2023 Received **Usri Gangopadhyay Memorial Medal** offered to the best female student in B.Stat (Hons.) program (2020-2023) at the Indian Statistical Institute
  - 2023 Secured **overall highest marks** in every year of the B.Stat program (2020-2023) at the Indian Statistical Institute
- 2020-2023 Received **prize money for outstanding performance in all semesters in B.Stat** where it was offered
  - 2021 & Received Mukul Chaudhuri Cash Award as the best female student in both 1st year and
    - 2022 2nd year of B.Stat program from Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata
  - 2020 Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) fellowship recipient
    - 2020 Received the **offer for direct admission with fellowship** in the Bachelor of Science (B.Sc) program at **Chennai Mathematical Institute**
    - 2020 Secured 100 Percentile Score in Mathematics Paper in JEE Main
    - 2019 Selected to compete for **European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO)** by Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai
    - 2019 Selected as Indian National Mathematical Olympiad (INMO) Merit Awardee
  - 2018-19 Selected as a Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) fellow
    - 2018 Qualified Regional Mathematical Olympiad (RMO)

#### Talks & Presentations

- July, 2023 Presentation as a part of the BDSI program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

  Title: Machine Learning for Healthcare
- Sept, 2023 Invited talk for **D. Basu Memorial Gold Medal Award** at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
  - **Title:** Navigating the Challenges of High-Dimensional Low Sample Size Data: A Two-sample Test and a Novel Classification Approach [Slides]
- July, 2024 Presentation as a part of the internship at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh

  Title: Huber-Robust Anytime-Valid Sequential Probability Ratio Test [Slides]

# **Technical / Programming Skills**

 $\circ\,$  Programming: R , Python, C, C++

• Web App: Shiny in R