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Born: May 6, 1994
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Current position

11.2019-01.2023 PhD Candidate
Advisor: Luciano Serafini
Project: Analytical Approaches to Lifted Inference¹
University of Trento, Italy
Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Italy

Research Experience and Education

2018-2019 Junior Research Fellow
Advisors: Luciano Serafini, Radim Nedbal
Project: Variational Inference in Hybrid Domains
Data and Knowledge Management Unit
Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Italy

2018 MSc in Physics
Advisors: Roberto Iuppa (Unitn), Marco Cristoforetti (FBK)
Thesis: Deep Learning For Track Reconstruction in Next Generation HEP Experiments
Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Italy
University of Trento, Italy

2015 BSc in Physics with Honors
University of Delhi, India

Publications

2022 **Sagar Malhotra** and Luciano Serafini. On Projectivity in Markov Logic Networks
Proceedings of Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Research Track - European Conference, ECML PKDD 2022. [arXiv:2204.04009](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.04009)

¹Tentative title

- 2022 **Sagar Malhotra** and Luciano Serafini. Weighted Model Counting in FO^2 with Cardinality Constraints and Counting Quantifiers: A Closed Form Formula
(Oral presentation) *Proceedings of the 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. [arXiv:2110.05992](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.05992)
- 2021 **Sagar Malhotra** and Luciano Serafini. A Combinatorial Approach to Weighted Model Counting in the Two Variable Fragment with Cardinality Constraints
Proceedings of the 20th International Conference of the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence, 2021

Workshop Publications

- 2021 **Sagar Malhotra** and Luciano Serafini. Weighted Model Counting in FO^2 with Cardinality Constraints and Counting Quantifiers: A Closed Form Formula
10th International Workshop on Statistical Relational AI, 2021

Talks and Tutorials

- 2022 A Tutorial on Probabilistic Inference in Logical Domains, University of Padova, Italy
2022 Weighted First-Order Model Counting, DocInProgress, University of Trento, Italy
2022 On Projectivity in Markov Logic Networks, DKM Group Seminar
2022 Weighted First-Order Model Counting, AAAI 2022@FBK Workshop

Programming Languages

Fluent: Python, Pandas, \LaTeX
Familiar: Mathematica, R, Pytorch, HTML

Research Interests

Exact and Approximate Probabilistic Inference
Consistency of Probabilistic Inference
Weighted Model Counting
Structure Learning
Exponential Random Graphs

Awards and Achievements

- 2018 Bronze medal in TrackML particle tracking challenge on Kaggle.
2017 Part of the winning team in Industrial Problem Solving using Physics
2017 Awarded fully funded trip to Innovation Days-Innsbruck in StartUp Lab, Trento
2016 Awarded full-Scholarship for the Joint Masters in Theoretical Physics at University of Trento and SISSA- Trieste (Declined)

- 2016 Awarded Opera Universitaria Scholarship for Masters in Physics at University of Trento
- 2016 Amongst top 5% candidates in the Joint Entrance Screening Test- Physics 2016 among ~ 5000 candidates
- 2016 Amongst top 5 % candidates in IIT Joint Admission Test for Masters in Physics 2016 among ~ 10000 candidates