

# Tuhin Subhra De

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## EDUCATION

**BTech & MTech, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur** Jul 19 - Apr 24  
*Major: Civil Engg | Minor: Maths and Computing | Micro Spl: AI | CGPA: 8.75/10.0* West Bengal, India

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

**Software Management Trainee** July 2024 - Present  
*ICICI Bank India Pvt. Ltd (Technology Group)* Mumbai, India

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Deep Learning, Probabilistic Machine Learning and Generative Modelling, Neural Network Interpretation

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **A non-linear Lasso and explainable LSTM approach for estimating tail risk interconnectedness** [2024], *Applied Economics Journal*, (Extension of Bachelor's Thesis at IIT Kharagpur), [DOI Link](#)
  - Estimated the tail risk interconnectedness within the large banks of Japan and US using explainable ML
  - Used LassoNet (Lemhadri et. al, 2021), a L1 regularised neural network to obtain a parameter cum gradient based feature importance on the daily stock returns of banks within 5% confidence interval of quantile loss
  - Compared Interpretable-Multivariate LSTM (Guo et. al, 2019) which uses attention based variable importance, with LassoNet and other existing researches till date obtaining lowest objective loss by the LSTM model
2. **A Machine learning and Empirical Bayesian Approach for Predictive Buying in B2B E-commerce** [2024], *Proceedings of 8th ICMLSC Singapore*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3647750.3647754>
3. **Prediction of Turn Around Time using Neural Networks** [2022], *IFAC Conference*, [DOI Link](#)
  - Predicted Turn Around Time of port ships by comparative analysis of various machine learning approaches within a certainty of 26.71 hours which initially had weeks of inconsistency upon 5 years of ships' log data

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

**Diffusion based Variational Autoencoder for Seq2Seq generation** April 2024 – Present  
*Center for Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, IIT KGP* Advisor: Prof. Adway Mitra

- Implemented variational autoencoder to generate text with timestep wise latent spaces which regulated the posterior collapse problem (decoder ignores the latent space and copies the input) to a large extent
- Currently, to enhance latent space dependency and further mitigate the posterior collapse problem, we are testing a diffusion based denoiser whose parameters are dependent on timestep wise latent spaces and embeddings in-place of traditional RNN-LSTM based decoder

**Hybrid ensemble method for potential customer recommendation** May 2023 – July 2023  
*Udaan.com (Hiveloop Technologies Pvt. Ltd.) | led to publication no. 2* Bangalore, India

- Increased customer order conversion rate from 4% to 13% using predictive buying methods on Azure Databricks
- Collaborated with the business intelligence team to engineer features for customer orders using SQL from raw data
- Implemented an optimal grid-searched XGBoost classifier giving customer order probability and exhibiting 8% rate
- Stacked XGBoost with Poisson-Gamma model making Logistic Regression as meta learner reaching 13% rate

**Knowledge distillation for unlabeled data scenario** April 2022 – July 2022  
*Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia* Advisor: Prof. Jinho Choi

- Merged response and feature based distillation under unlabelled data scenario between two different architectures
- Observed an 3% and 4% increase in accuracy for the student model (2 layered Perceptron) upon distillation from a teacher model (Multilayered CNN) when trained on Fashion MNIST and CIFAR-10 dataset respectively
- Simulated a data label free knowledge transfer scenario, where the student model is trained jointly by directing its prediction distribution close to the teacher's using KL Divergence and maximizing the cosine similarity between the high dimensional representation of the intermediate feature spaces

## APPLICATION PROJECTS

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**Multimodal Image generation from Attention based Conditional GAN** April 2022 – June 2022

*Center for Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, IIT KGP*

*Advisor: Prof. Adway Mitra*

- Generated images with varying facial features using CGAN and simple convolutional upscaler for modal class mean
- Devised a TPU trained conditional GAN on Celeb-A dataset, equipped with channel and pixel based cross attention with the label vector at every layer of generator. Compared the results for CGAN and modal class means
- Developed an end-to-end pipeline to train and deploy models using Streamlit package in form of web application

**Neural Approximation and Knapsack DP for booking optimization** Sep' 2021 – Dec' 2021

*Indian Institute of Management Mumbai*

*Advisor: Prof. Manoj Tiwari*

- Devised a method to maximize profit by selective cargo acceptance achieving 48% more profit than random process
- For an accepted booking data in bulk, we used Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) to get the minimum delivery cost
- VRP being computationally expensive, jointly trained Neural Networks and its linear estimate as successive multiplied weight matrices on the above generated data to obtain an empirical cost on each cargo requests
- Used the empirical cost, revenue and capacity constraints for selective acceptance using dynamic programming

**Semantic Segmentation of Image using U-NET** | *Course Project* Sep' 2022 – Oct' 2022

- Performed semantic segmentation of underwater images ([arxiv](#)) into various aquatic classes using U-NET model
- Built and trained a U-NET based convolutional encoder-decoder architecture with residual connections and tweaked around them to compare results and losses for RGB and binary image masks

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Qualified Regional Mathematics Olympiad (**RMO**), appeared INMO HBCSE, TIFR India (2017)
- Ranked in top **0.1%** of Physics AISSCE (12th) among 2.5 million students CBSE Board (2018)
- Secured **5542** All India Rank (General) among 22,000 candidates in country JEE Advanced (2019)

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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**ML/AI:** Programming and Data Structures, ML Foundations, Computer Vision and Sequential Modelling, Artificial Intelligence and Game Theory, Graphical and Generative Machine Learning, Big Data Processing

**Maths and Statistics :** Engineering Calculus, Probability, Linear Algebra, Regression Modelling

## MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**ML Mentor** (Regex Software Services): Mentored various students in theoretical and Hands-on ML projects

**Campus Mentor** (IIT KGP): Guided institute's juniors for various academic and non-academic activities

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages and Tools:** C, C++ (STL), Python, SQL, Git, Bash, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Google Colab

**ML Libraries:** PyTorch, Tensorflow-Keras, PySpark, OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, Numpy, XGBoost

## REFEREES AND EFFORTS

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- Dr. **Adway Mitra** ([Homepage](#)), Assistant Professor at Center for Excellence in AI, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal, India | **Email:** [adway@cai.iitkgp.ac.in](mailto:adway@cai.iitkgp.ac.in)  
Guided mostly thorough out my undergraduate tenure. I was the only person in the class to personally approach him after semester, desiring to work more on the project related to the VAE for seq2seq.
  - Dr. **Sujoy Bhattacharya** ([Homepage](#)), Associate Professor at VGSOM, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal, India | **Email:** [sujoybtc@vgsom.iitkgp.ac.in](mailto:sujoybtc@vgsom.iitkgp.ac.in)  
He was my bachelor's thesis supervisor. I was the only student in the batch whose thesis appeared to publishable, thus he motivated to do further in-depth research which led to my paper in tail risk [1](#).
  - Mr. **Pranjal Singh** ([LinkedIn](#)), Staff Data Scientist at Udaan.com (Hiveloop Technologies Pvt. Ltd), Bengaluru, Karanataka, India | **Email:** [pranjal.singh@udaan.com](mailto:pranjal.singh@udaan.com)  
He was my mentor for the industry data science internship at Udaan. Impressed by my work, they funded my visit to Singapore to present paper at ICMLSC 2024 on Predictive Buying [2](#).
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