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EDUCATION

• Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computing; CPI: 8.49 on 10.0

Patna, India

2021 - 2025 (Expected)

• Amity International School, Mayur Vihar

Class 12th- CBSE Board; 96%

New Delhi, India *2019-2021*

PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCE

• Computer Systems Group, I.I.I.T Hyderabad

Research Intern

December 2022-Present

- Worked under the guidance of Dr. Tejas Bodas, Assistant Professor at Computer Systems Group, IIIT
 Hyderabad on RL based learning of indexable policies for Multi Armed Bandits (MABs) and
 their applications in Scheduling.
- Conducted a literature review of existing indexable policies (Whittle's and Gittins' Index) for MABs as well as its application in **Queuing Theory**.
- **Proposed a novel algorithm** for estimating Gittins' indices for MABs using Q-learning and Stochastic Approximation, **outperforming existing state-of-the-art-algorithms.**
- Work is being documented for publication, with me being the **first author**.
- Skills and Frameworks: Reinforcement Learning, Stochastic Approximation, Deep-RL, Queuing theory, Scheduling, Gittins' index, PPO, SAC, Machine Learning.

• Advanced Lab, CSE dept, I.I.T Patna

 $Under graduate\ Researcher$

July 2023-Present

- Worked under the guidance of **Prof. Rajiv Misra**, Professor and HOD of CSE department at IIT Patna, on **CO2 forecasting using Deep Learning** techniques.
- Conducted a literature review of CO2 emission of SAARC countries, existing DL algorithms like **LSTM**, **CNN-LSTM**, **LSTM** with attention, etc.
- Solely worked in multi-variate time series data analysis and preprocessing using Statistical methods like FMOLS, etc.
- Worked in implementing DL methods like LSTMs, CNN-LSTMs, etc for forecasting.
- Work is being reviewed for publication at IEEE BigData 2023.
- Currently working in implementation of **Deep-RL algorithms** like DQNs, DDPG for optimal routing of EVs.
- Skills and Frameworks: Deep Learning, Data Science, Statistics, LSTMs, Attention, Deep-RL.

• Smart India Hackathon

Project

May 2022-August 2022

- Worked on designing an NLP based model to predict career paths for indivduals using their resume.
- This was integrated on the Django framework using PostgreSQL, proposing an end-to-end product.
- Runner up in our Problem Statement among 30,000 competing teams.
- o Code: https://github.com/Harshit2807161/SIH-2022-DR710-PROSOL.
- Skills and Frameworks: NLP, Machine Learning, Data Science, Python and its modules, Pytorch.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Most experienced with: C, C++, Linux OS, Python, Python libraries, Statistics, PyTorch, LaTeX, Open-AI gym, Queuing theory, Reinforcement Learning and Deep-RL: (DQN, DDQN, Policy based methods, etc.), Assembly language, VERILOG, Arduino programming, MATLAB and Octave.
- Some experience with: HTML, CSS, Git and GitHub.

Coursework

Mathematics-I and II, **Data Science**, **Programming and Data Structures**, Algorithms, Real Analysis, Differential Equations, Discrete Mathematics, **Probability theory and random processes**, Numerical Linear Algebra, Computational lab, Computer Architecture, **Optimisation techniques**, Theory of Computation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Inter IIT Tech Meet, 2023- Silver Medalist: Our team represented IIT Patna against all the 23 participating IITs at the 11th Inter IIT Technical Meet. Worked on building and deploying a Bayesian network to predict the sustainability score of various corporates through a dedicated modeller.
- Inter IIT Tech Meet, 2023- Participant: Worked on a pipeline model to extract vitals of patients from monitor images using OpenCV, YOLO, InceptionV3, Transfer Learning and OCR.
- Sudo Override, 2022- 2nd position: CTF competition under Celesta. Used Steganography, deciphering techniques and various Linux modules in Kali Linux and Ubuntu.
- JEE Advanced: Secured an All India Rank of 4497 out of 160,000+ candidates who appeared for JEE Advanced, 2021.
- **JEE Mains**: Secured **99.57 percentile** of the 1 million + candidates who appeared for JEE Mains, 2021.

Position of Responsibilities

• TEDxIIT Patna

Organiser

April 2023 - Present

Leading a team of 50 people to organise the fifth edition of TEDxIIT Patna.

• NJACK-ML- Machine learning society, IIT Patna

Sub-coordinator October 2022 - June 2023
Involved in various group projects and worked to improve the ML culture at IIT Patna.

• Celesta- Annual Techno-Management Fest, IIT Patna

Sub-coordinator: Sponsorship

September 2022 - January 2023

My work included reaching out to MnCs across India, creating networks and pitching for sponsorships.

• Forthright- Media Body, IIT Patna

Senior Content Correspondent

April 2022 - July 2023

Worked in curation, drafting and editing of various articles.