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INTERESTS	Algorithms, Statistical Learning Theory, Optimization	
EDUCATION	<b>UC Berkeley</b> Ph.D Student in Computer Science Advisor: Prof. Peter L. Bartlett CGPA: 4.0+	(August 2017 - August 2023)
	<b>Indian Institute of Technology Bombay</b> B. Tech with Honors in Computer Science and Engineering Minor in Applied Statistics and Informatics CGPA: 9.31 ( <i>Ranked among the top 10% of the department</i> )	(July 2011 - May 2015)
EMPLOYMENT	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> <i>Postdoctoral Associate</i>	(September 2023 - Present) Advisor: Prof. Constantinos Daskalakis
	<b>The Voleon Group</b> <i>Research Scientist Intern</i>	(May 2021 - August 2021) Manager: Dr. Neal Master
	<b>Amazon Inc</b> <i>Applied Scientist Intern</i>	(June 2020 - August 2020) Managers: Dr. Choon Hui Teo and Dr. Vishy Vishwanathan
	<b>Microsoft Research India</b> <i>Research Fellow</i>	(June 2015 - July 2017) Advisors: Dr. Prateek Jain and Dr. Praneeth Netrapalli
	<b>TU Braunschweig</b> <i>Research Intern</i>	(May 2013 - July 2013) Advisor: Prof. Marcus Magnor
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	<b>Are Pairwise Comparisons Enough for Preference Learning?</b> Y. Cherapanamjeri*, C. Daskalakis, G. Farina, S. Mohammadpour* <i>Under Preparation</i>	
	<b>How Much is a Noisy Image Worth? Data Scaling Laws for Ambient Diffusion</b> G. Daras*, Y. Cherapanamjeri*, C. Daskalakis <i>Under Submission</i> ArXiv Version: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.02780">https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.02780</a>	
	<b>Statistical Barriers to Affine-equivariant Estimation</b> Z. Chen, Y. Cherapanamjeri <i>Under Major Revision at Annals of Statistics</i> ArXiv Version: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.10758">https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.10758</a>	
	<b>Optimal PAC Bounds without Uniform Convergence</b> I. Aden-Ali, Y. Cherapanamjeri, A. Shetty, N. Zhivotovskiy Sixty Fourth Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2023) <i>Invited to SICOMP Special Issue for FOCS 2023</i> ArXiv Version: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.09167">https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.09167</a>	
	<b>What Makes A Good Fisherman? Linear Regression under Self-Selection Bias</b> Y. Cherapanamjeri, C. Daskalakis, A. Ilyas, E. Zampetakis Fifty Fifth Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2023) ArXiv Version: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.03246">https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.03246</a>	
	<b>Estimation of Standard Auction Models</b> Y. Cherapanamjeri, C. Daskalakis, A. Ilyas, E. Zampetakis Extended Abstract: Twenty Third Conference on Economics and Computation (EC 2022) ArXiv Version: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02060">https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02060</a>	

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**Algorithms for Heavy-Tailed Statistics: Regression, Covariance Estimation, and Beyond**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, S. B. Hopkins, T. Kathuria, P. Raghavendra, N. Tripuraneni

Fifty Second Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2020)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.11071>

**Fast Mean Estimation with Sub-Gaussian Rates**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, N. Flammarion, P. L. Bartlett

Thirty Second Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2019)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01998>

**PUBLICATIONS**
**Are Pairwise Comparisons Enough for Preference Learning?**

Y. Cherapanamjeri\*, C. Daskalakis, G. Farina, S. Mohammadpour\*

*Under Preparation*

**How Much is a Noisy Image Worth? Data Scaling Laws for Ambient Diffusion**

G. Daras\*, Y. Cherapanamjeri\*, C. Daskalakis

*Under Submission*

**Heavy-tailed Contamination is Easier than Adversarial Contamination**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, D. Lee

*Under Submission*

**Computing Approximate Centerpoints in Polynomial Time**

Y. Cherapanamjeri

Sixty Fifth Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2024)

**Statistical Barriers to Affine-equivariant Estimation**

Z. Chen, Y. Cherapanamjeri

*Under Major Revision at Annals of Statistics*

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.10758>

**The Space Complexity of Learning-Unlearning Algorithms**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, S. Garg, N. Rajaraman, A. Sekhari, A. Shetty

*Under Submission*

**Efficient Automated Circuit Discovery in Transformers using Contextual Decomposition**

A. Hsu, G. Zhou, Y. Cherapanamjeri, Y. Huang, A. Odisho, P. Carroll, B. Yu

*Under Submission*

**Diagnosing Transformers: Illuminating Feature Spaces for Clinical Decision-Making**

A. R. Hsu, Y. Cherapanamjeri, B. Park, T. Naumann, A. Y. Odisho, B. Yu

Twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2024)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.17588>

**Optimal PAC Bounds without Uniform Convergence**

I. Aden-Ali, Y. Cherapanamjeri, A. Shetty, N. Zhivotovskiy

Sixty Fourth Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2023)

*Invited to SICOMP Special Issue for FOCS 2023*

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.09167>

**The One-Inclusion-Graph Algorithm is not Always Optimal**

I. Aden-Ali, Y. Cherapanamjeri, A. Shetty, N. Zhivotovskiy

Thirty Sixth Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2023)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.09270>

**Optimal Algorithms for Linear Algebra in the Current Matrix Multiplication Time**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, S. Silwal, D. P. Woodruff, S. Zhou

ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2023)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.09964>

**Robust Algorithms on Adaptive Inputs from Bounded Adversaries**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, S. Silwal, D. P. Woodruff, F. Zhang, Q. Zhang, S. Zhou

Eleventh International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2023)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.07413>

**What Makes A Good Fisherman? Linear Regression under Self-Selection Bias**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, C. Daskalakis, A. Ilyas, E. Zampetakis  
Fifty Fifth Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2023)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.03246>

**Estimation of Standard Auction Models**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, C. Daskalakis, A. Ilyas, E. Zampetakis  
Extended Abstract: Twenty Third Conference on Economics and Computation (EC 2022)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02060>

**Uniform Approximations for Randomized Hadamard Transforms with Applications**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, J. Nelson  
Fifty Fourth Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2022)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.01599>

**Adversarial Examples in Multi-Layer Random ReLU Networks**

P. L. Bartlett, S. Bubeck, Y. Cherapanamjeri  
Thirty Fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.12611>

**A single gradient step finds adversarial examples on random two-layers neural networks**

S. Bubeck, Y. Cherapanamjeri, G. Gidel, R. Tachet des Combes  
Thirty Fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021)

*Spotlight Presentation*

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.03863>

**Terminal Embeddings in Sublinear Time**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, J. Nelson  
Sixty Second Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2021)

**On Adaptive Distance Estimation**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, J. Nelson  
Thirty Fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020)

*Spotlight Presentation*

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.11252>

**Optimal Robust Linear Regression in Nearly Linear Time**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, E. Aras, N. Tripuraneni, M. I. Jordan, N. Flammarion, P. L. Bartlett  
*In Submission*

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.08137>

**List Decodable Mean Estimation in Nearly Linear Time**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, S. Mohanty, M. Yau  
Sixty First Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2020)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.09796>

**Optimal Mean Estimation without a Variance**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, N. Tripuraneni, P. L. Bartlett, M. I. Jordan  
Thirty Fifth Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2022)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.12433>

**Algorithms for Heavy-Tailed Statistics: Regression, Covariance Estimation, and Beyond**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, S. B. Hopkins, T. Kathuria, P. Raghavendra, N. Tripuraneni  
Fifty Second Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2020)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.11071>

**Fast Mean Estimation with Sub-Gaussian Rates**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, N. Flammarion, P. L. Bartlett  
Thirty Second Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2019)

ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01998>

**Testing Markov Chains without Hitting**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, P. L. Bartlett  
 Thirty Second Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2019)  
 ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01999>

**Thresholding based Efficient Outlier Robust PCA**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, P. Jain, P. Netrapalli  
 Thirtieth Conference on Learning Theory (COLT 2017)  
 ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.05571>

**Nearly Optimal Robust Matrix Completion**

Y. Cherapanamjeri, K. Gupta, P. Jain  
 Thirty-Fourth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2017)  
 ArXiv Version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.07315>

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TALKS

**Affine Equivariant Robust Mean Estimation** WALE 2024  
**Optimal PAC Bounds without Uniform Convergence** A&C Seminar MIT 2023  
**Recovering from Structured and Unstructured Noise** Harvard 2023  
**Uniform Approximations for RHTs** Stanford Theory Lunch 2022  
**Towards Adaptive Metric Embeddings** Metric Embeddings Workshop FOCS 2022  
**Optimal Mean Estimation without a Variance** Virtual Workshop 2022  
 Workshop on Privacy and Robustness  
**Optimal Mean Estimation without a Variance** Virtual CS4Math Seminar Harvard 2021  
**A General Framework for Adaptive Data Structures** STOC 2021  
 Workshop on Robust Streaming, Sketching, and Sampling  
**A General Framework for Adaptive Data Structures** Google Research 2021

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AWARDS

Invitation to SICOMP Special Issue for FOCS 2023 2023  
 Finalist: Two Sigma Graduate Fellowship 2021  
 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor 2018

TEACHING

**EECS 127/227A: Optimization Models in Engineering**, UC Berkeley Spring 2020  
*Instructor: Prof. Gireeja Ranade*  
 Graduate Student Instructor  
**CS 170: Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems**, UC Berkeley Spring 2019  
*Instructors: Prof. Prasad Raghavendra and Prof. Luca Trevisan*  
 Graduate Student Instructor  
**CS 70: Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory**, UC Berkeley Fall 2018  
*Instructors: Prof. Alistair Sinclair and Prof. Yun Song*  
 Graduate Student Instructor  
*Outstanding GSI Award*  
**MA 214: Introduction to Numerical Analysis**, IIT Bombay Summer 2014  
*Instructor: Prof. Sivaji Ganesh*  
 Undergraduate Student Instructor

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Conference Reviewing:** STOC 2025, ALT 2025, NeurIPS 2024, STOC 2024, NeurIPS 2023, FOCS 2023, ICML 2023, STOC 2023, ICLR 2023, NeurIPS 2022, STOC 2022, FOCS 2021, NeurIPS 2021, ICML 2021, STOC 2021, FOCS 2020, ICML 2019, COLT 2019, SODA 2019  
**Journal Reviewing:** Annals of Statistics, Bernoulli, Journal of the ACM (JACM), Transactions on Information Theory, Mathematical Statistics and Learning, Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)