## Max David Gupta

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#### **EDUCATION**

Princeton University M.S.E, Computer Science

Princeton, NJ August 2024-Present

Funded in the machine learning department under the supervision of Prof. Tom Griffiths in the computational cognitive science <u>lab</u>. **Coursework:** Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition, Foundations of Probabilistic Modeling, Special Topics in Transformers and Large Language Models, Cognitive Psychology

Teaching: COS 240 (Reasoning about Computation), COS 126 (Interdisciplinary Intro to CS)

**Columbia University** 

New York, NY

B.A, Applied Mathematics | GPA: 3.51 | Major GPA: 3.71

September 2017-May 2021

**Relevant Coursework**: Natural Language Processing, Applied Deep Learning, Data Structures, Discrete Math, Linear Algebra, Intro to Statistics, Discrete Math, Complex Variables, Analysis and Optimization, Calculus III & IV

#### PRESENTATIONS & PAPERS

- Gupta, M., Franke M., Hawkins R. *Pragmatic Vigilance Inoculates Social Networks Against Misinformation*,

  Presentation to the Computational Pragmatics Lab: University of Tübingen
- Azizi E., Azad T., Gupta M., Nazaret A. Ensembling in Variational Autoencoder Architectures for Effective Posterior Distribution of Cell State Estimation. Lab Presentation and Paper Draft: Columbia University
- Gupta M., Nika J., Carsault T. <u>Multi-Step Chord Prediction for Human-AI Improvisation</u>. Presentation: Columbia Undergraduate Research Symposium, New York, NY (Virtual): September 2020
- Gupta M., Malt M. Musical Markov Chains. Presentation: Reid Hall Research Seminar, Paris, France: May 2020

#### **AWARDS & HONORS**

- Hackathon Winner: Cognitive Modeling of Humans vs. Large Language Models, University of Tübingen 2023
  - Dean's List Columbia University 2020-2021
  - Heinrich Research Fellowship, Columbia University (\$2500) 2020
  - Spritz Family Research Grant, Columbia University (\$3000) 2020
    - PSAT National Commended Scholar 2017
  - Canadian Gold Medalist in both French (2016-2017) and Latin (2014-2017) National Language Exams
    - Greville Smith Scholarship, McGill University (\$48,000, not availed) 2017
  - Hugh M. Brock National Entrance Scholarship, University of British Columbia (\$30.400, not availed) 2017

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Max Planck Institute – Center For Humans and Machines AI Behaviorist - Research Assistant

Berlin, Germany May-August 2024

- Engineered online JS experiments to simulate multi-generational human-Large Language Model (LLM) communications in transmission networks of varying sizes and types.
- Contributed visualizations and NLP analyses of sentiments toward future AI risks/rewards across 400 human participants from India and the US. Compared attitudes via sociological coding cross-culturally in Python.

#### **University of Tübingen**

Tübingen, Germany

Research Intern – Supervisors: Michael Franke, Robert Hawkins, Charley Wu

Oct 2023 - Present

- Built a multi-agent extension of the Rational Speech Act (RSA) framework to examine effects of persuasive social goals on belief diffusion in social networks. Simulating RSA communications in a random network in Python and R and examining belief convergence with Bayesian inference over iterated dyadic communications.
- Authoring a paper illustrating conditions under which listener vigilance can inoculate a network against misinformation.
- Joint work between the Pragmatics (PI: Michael Franke) and Human and Machine Cognition (PI: Charley Wu) Labs

Columbia University Medical Center Research Assistant - Supervisor: Elham Azizi New York, NY Jan – August 2021

- Analyzed the effects of aggregating neural network outputs to form posterior distributions (ensembling). Compared deep ensembling and batch ensembling on variational autoencoders (VAE's) performing differential gene expression.
- Trained Bayesian neural networks and VAE's on single-cell data in PyTorch analyzed posteriors across random initializations. Presented methods and findings to the computational cancer biology lab.

### IRCAM, Centre Pompidou

Paris, France

Research Fellow – Supervisors: Mikhail Malt, Jérôme Nika

Jan-Sep 2020

- Built language models (RNNs, LSTMs) trained in PyTorch on musical data from live jazz for human-AI improvisations.
- Authored, presented a report and poster on generative music with language models at Columbia's 2020 research symposium. Authored a manuscript on stochastic models in music, published at Reid Hall's research symposium.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Weill Cornell Medical, Cornell University Research Software Engineer

New York, NY May 2022 - Nov 2022

- Worked on efficiency and indexing of the main NLP pipeline, using OCR to parse doctor notes into machine-readable text.
- Built an AWS-hosted ETL pipeline with Docker, Python, Java, and SQL to securely geocode address data from hospital patients, increasing geocoding accuracy and runtime efficiency by 15%.

# Infosys Consulting Business Analyst – AI & Automation

New York, NY

August 2021-May 2022

- Built and deployed an NLG model from open-source to automate 85% of credit loan risk report writing at a top 3 US bank.
- Engineered several NLP models for financial document classification, summarization, and generation in NLTK and JS.
- Assisted executive advising at 2 of the top 5 US banks in AI automation, chatbot implementation, and process mining. Wrote concise technical guides on each of the above topics, shared to clients and the firm at large.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Assistant Instructor: COS 126 Interdisciplinary Intro to CS Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

Sep. 2024 – Present

• Co-teaching and grading for a cohort of 20 Princeton undergraduates with coding and theory p-sets and exams.

# **Teaching Assistant: Reinforcement Learning for Language Model Training University of Tübingen**

Tübingen, Germany

Nov. 2023 – Present

• Grading and coding support for 50+ Tübingen graduate students using Tensorflow for p-sets and RL research projects.

# CompTIA Head Data Science Instructor

New York, NY

Jan 2022-Present

- Head instructor for an online data science and coding boot-camp for Python and SQL. Assistant teacher for web development with React JS: providing comprehensive grading, coding, and career support to students.
- Design and deliver all written and technical curriculum on computer science, statistics, and data analysis, focused on libraries like Pandas, NumPy and Matplotlib. I hand-write the content for the course in Python/Markdown.

# Teaching Assistant: Calculus IV Columbia University

New York, NY / Remote

Jan - May 2021

• Graded assignments and held office hours for ~80 students in Professor Daniela De Silva's class. Coordinated grading across sections. Wrote technical guides and explanations on calculus-related concepts from the course textbooks.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATION**

IICCSSS 2023 (Interdisciplinary Computational Cognitive Science Summer School)

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Tübingen, Germany

1st Place: Hackathon for Cognitive Modeling

September 2023

Coursework: Comparing language models to humans; Computational modeling for learning; Human language models

### ESSLLI 2023 (European Summer School in Language, Logic & Information)

Ljubljana, Slovenia Coursework: Probabilistic Language of Thought; Formal Language Theory and Neural Networks; August 2023 Deep Language Learning from Raw Speech; Logic, Data, Examples, and Learning

## **Center for AI Safety Intro to Machine Learning Safety Fellow**

Berkeley, CA (Remote) June – August 2023

Grant-funded student. Coursework covering mechanistic interpretability, machine ethics, systemic AI safety, adversarial robustness, and preventing existential risk from future AI systems.

### **SKILLS, LANGUAGES & INTERESTS**

Programming Languages: Python, Java, R, SQL, JavaScript, HTML, Bash, MATLAB

**Technical Skills:** Machine learning, data visualization, data analysis and statistical insights, computational modeling, scientific communication, experimental design, web design, teaching and curriculum design

Spoken Languages: English (fluent); French (intermediate) Interests: Cognitive science, Running, Camping, Reading