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OBJECTIVE	To leverage insights from human intelligence to improve machine intelligence and use advances in machine intelligence to better understand human intelligence.

RESEARCH AREAS	(Single-agent)(multi-agent)(deep) reinforcement learning, sequential decision-making under uncertainty, graph machine learning, optimization.

EDUCATION	**PhD** in computer science, University of Southern California	2023-
	MS (thesis-based) in computer engineering, New York University	2021-2023
	BTech & MTech (thesis-based) in information technology, IIITB	2014-2019

EXPERIENCE	MILA QUEBEC AI, Research Intern, Prof. Samira Ebrahimi Kahou	Jan-Jul 2023
	NYU COURANT, MSc Thesis, Prof. Dennis Shasha	2022-2023
	NYU CDS, Research Assistant, Prof. Jacopo Cirrone	Apr-Dec 2022
	NYU TANDON, Research Assistant, Prof. Quanyan Zhu	Sep-Dec 2021
	UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, Research Assistant, Prof. Matthew Taylor	2020-2021
	AGANITHA (an AI startup) India, Data Scientist	2019-2020
	IIITB, MTech Thesis, Prof. GS Raghavan	2018-2019
	ERICSSON RESEARCH INDIA, Research Intern, Dr. Swarup Mohalik	2018-2019
	ABB RESEARCH INDIA, Research Intern, Dr. Divyasheel Sharma	Summer 2017

PUBLICATIONS, PREPRINTS & THESES $(\alpha - \beta)$	7. CAMMARL: Conformal action modeling in multi-agent RL (PAPER) **Nikunj Gupta**, Somjit Nath, Samira Ebrahimi Kahou ICML 2024 (**under submission**) Previously accepted in *Multi-Agent Behavior* workshop at CVPR 2023.
	6. HAMMER: Multi-level coordination of RL agents via learned messaging (PAPER) **Nikunj Gupta**, GS Raghavan, Swarup Mohalik, N Kumar, Matthew Taylor Neural Computing and Applications 2023, Impact factor (2022): 6.0 Previously accepted in *Adaptive and Learning Agents* workshop at AAMAS 2021.
	5. On the calibration of compartmental epidemiological models (PAPER) **Nikunj Gupta**, Anh Mai, Azza Abouzied, Dennis Shasha MSc Thesis, NYU Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, 2023.
	4. Planning multiple epidemic interventions with reinforcement learning (PAPER) Anh Mai, **Nikunj Gupta**, Azza Abouzied, Dennis Shasha IJCAI 2023.
	3. ML-based prediction of drug effectiveness in rheumatoid arthritis (PAPER) Shengjia Chen, **Nikunj Gupta**, W Galbraith, Valay Shah, Jacopo Cirrone ICBBE 2022.
	2. Informationally-Mosaic Reinforcement Learning (PAPER) **Nikunj Gupta**, Tao Li, Quanyan Zhu Preprint 2022.
	1. Fully Cooperative Multi-agent Deep Reinforcement Learning (PAPER) **Nikunj Gupta**, Swarup Mohalik, GS Raghavan MTech Thesis, IIITB, 2019.

TEACHING	Introduction to Programming, USC	Fall 2023
	Introduction to Reinforcement Learning, IIITB	Summer 2019
	Applied Machine Learning, TCS Bangalore, Videoken, IIITB	Spring 2019
	Mathematics for Machine Learning, IIITB	Fall 2018

SERVICE	**Reviewer**, Neural Computing and Applications Journal	2023
	Travel Awards Chair, HiPC 2023 Conference	2023

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)	ON THE CONFLUENCE OF MARL AND GRAPHS, USC	2024
	DECISION-MAKING UNDER UNCERTAINTY VIA MARL, USC	2023
	CAMMARL (accepted paper), MABe @ CVPR 2023, Mila	
	SPECTRAL CLUSTERING ON DIRECTED GRAPHS, NYU	2022
	LOW-RANK-MODELS FOR MISSING DATA IMPUTATIONS IN EHRs, NYU	
	INFORMATIONALLY-MOSAIC REINFORCEMENT LEARNING, NYU	
	HAMMER (accepted paper), ALA @ AAMAS 2021	2021
	BRINGING RL TO THE REAL WORLD!, IMPRS-IS PhD Symposium 2021	
	FULLY COOPERATIVE MULTI-AGENT RL: BUSINESS ANGLE, Aganitha	2019
	MARL FOR WAREHOUSE LOGISTICS, Ericsson Research, RISE Conf'19	
	U THINK V SPEAK, Rakuten IOT Hackathon, Bangalore	
	TEXT-TO-IMAGE SYNTHESIS, AI Club, IIITB	2018
	GETTING STARTED WITH IMPLEMENTING RL, AI Club, IIITB	
	DEEP CONVOLUTIONAL GANs, IIITB	
	A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF MULTI-AGENT RL, IIITB	
	INTRODUCTION TO REINFORCEMENT LEARNING, AI Club, IIITB	
	REGION-BASED CNNs, Advanced machine perception seminar, IIITB	
	REMOTE SENSING: CHENNAI FLOODS 2015, IIITB	
	QUALITATIVE INFERENCE WITH MULTIMODAL INTERACTIONS, IIITB	
	CLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL IMAGES, Sigtuple	
	CGNET SWARA: AN INDIAN VOICE-BASED PORTAL, Microsoft Research	2017
	BRAIN TUMOUR SEGMENTATION AND CLASSIFICATION, IIITB	
	SMART POLLUTION UNDER CONTROL, Hackmania Hackathon (Winner)	2016

ACADEMIC PROJECTS (SELECTED)	• Active interactive learning (USC) (TASK)(REPORT) • Mathematical formulation of a research project (USC) (TASK)(REPORT) • Low-rank models for missing data imputation in EHRs (NYU) (ARXIV)(CODE) • Optimizing ResNet while being mindful of limited resources (NYU) (ARXIV)(CODE) • Spectral Clustering algorithms for Directed Graphs (NYU) (ARXIV)(CODE) • Text-conditional DCGANs for text-to-image synthesis (IIITB) (REPORT)(CODE) • Qualitative Inference with Multi-modal Interaction (IIITB) (REPORT)(CODE)

RELEVANT COURSES	**USC**	Autonomous decision-making, Advanced analysis of algorithms
	NYU	Deep learning, Mathematical tools for data science, Mathematical statistics, Optimization, Probability and stochastic processes
	IIITB	Foundations of big data algorithms, ML, AI, DNN, RL
	Online	CS224W Machine learning with graphs (Stanford) (LINK)

AWARDS & INVOLVEMENT	**Graduate scholarship** (USD 12000), NYU Tandon	2021-23
	Mentor for 2 interns, Intelligent Robot Learning Lab, University of Alberta	2021
	Mentor for 5 students, Student Mentoring Program, IIITB	2017-18
	Volunteer, CGNet Swara, Microsoft Research India (LINK)	2017
	Organizer, Tug of War and Badminton in IIITB's sports fest	2016/2018
	Winner (1500+ teams nation-wide), HackMania hackathon, SPUC (LINK)	Oct 2016
	Winner (15 teams; 65 students), IIITB's DS hackathon, FitWit (LINK)	Feb 2016
	All India Percentile: 99.33, JEE Mains 2014 (1.5+ million candidates)	Apr 2014