

## EDUCATION

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- **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur** Kanpur, India  
*Master of Technology in Computer Science;*  
*Academic Excellence Award* *Aug. 2018 – Jul 2020*
- **Sri Venkateswara University College of Engineering** Tirupathi, India  
*Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering;*  
*First Class With Distinction* *Aug 2013 – Apr 2017*

## EXPERIENCE

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- **Independent Researcher** *Jun 2022 - now*  
*Independent Researcher*  
*overview: Conducted Research at intersection of Differential Privacy and Riemannian Optimization.*  
*Currently, two preprints are under review and built open source library for Riemannian Optimization in JAX.*
- **University of California, Santa Barbara** Santa Barbara, US  
*Staff Research Associate* *Dec 2021 - Jun 2022*  
*overview: Conducted Research at intersection of Differential Privacy and Geometric statistics. Currently, one preprint is under review.*
- **Geomstats** *May 2021 - Present*  
*Lead Engineer and Maintainer*  
*overview: Responsible for complete overhauling of the library both on performance and testing front.*
- **Mastercard** Pune, India  
*Software Development Engineer* *Aug 2020 - Dec 2021*  
*overview: Built a new Data visualization tool for fraud detection of financial data (credit, debit card transaction) for some of biggest banks in Spain from scratch using React, Javascript.*

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **Rieoptax : Riemannian Optimization in JAX.** Saiteja Utpala, Andi Han, Pratik Jawanpuria, Bamdev Mishra. 14th International OPT Workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, NeuRIPS 2022. ([arxiv](#)). Topic (Open source library, Riemannian Optimization, JAX).
- **Biological Shape Analysis with Geometric Statistics and Learning.** Saiteja Utpala and Nina Miolane, Snapshot of Modern Mathematics Oberwolfach ([Oberwolfach](#)). Topic : (Geometric Statistics).
- **Differentially Private Fréchet Mean on the Manifold of Symmetric Positive Definite (SPD) Matrices.** Saiteja Utpala, Praneeth Vepakomma, Nina Miolane. *Under Review at TMLR.* ([arxiv](#)). Topic : (Differential Privacy, Geometric Statistics).
- **Shrinkage Estimation of Higher Order Bochner integrals.** Saiteja Utpala and Bharat K. Sriperumbudur. *Under Review at Bernoulli.* ([arxiv](#)) : Topic (Learning theory).

## ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Co-winner of Computational Geometry & Topology Challenge 2021
- Achieved 10/10 in Machine Learning and Statistics Courses at IIT Kanpur
- Received the Academic Excellence Award for exceptional performance in 2018-19 academic session at IIT Kanpur
- Secured All India Rank 308 in GATE computer science among 107,893 candidates