# **Viral Chitlangia**

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#### **Education**

#### BS Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Statistics & Data Science

2022 - 2026

• CPI: 9.0/10.0

· Honours Track Student

• **Minor**: Department of Computer Science - Machine Learning & Applications

#### XII Delhi Public School Bangalore East

2022

• Grade: 96%

X Delhi Public School Bangalore East

2020

• Grade: 90%

#### Scholastic Achievements \_

- Academic Excellence Award, IIT Kanpur For exceptional performance in Academic Session 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- Was part of the team that represented **IIT Kanpur** in **Mimamsa 2024** hosted by **IISER Pune**, and secured **4th place** among more that **1500** participating teams.
- Achieved All India Rank 646 in JEE-ADVANCED 2022
- Achieved All India Rank 1030 in JEE-MAINS 2022

#### **Publications & Pre Prints**

 Viral Chitlangia, Mosuk Chow, Sharmishtha Mitra. "Swap Regression Methodology for Predicting Relationship with Historical Bivariate Data." arXiv preprint arXiv:2508.15479
 August 2025. Aug 2025

### **Projects**

#### SWAP Regression | Prof. Sharmishta Mitra | IIT Kanpur

Nov '23 - Aug '25

- Analyzed the paper written by Mosuk Chow, Bing Li and Jackie Q. Xue, on ON REGRESSION FOR SAMPLES WITH ALTERNATING PREDICTORS AND ITS APPLI-CATION TO PSYCHROMETRIC CHARTS 
   and developed models with alternating predictors on Bivariate Data using the method of SWAP Regression.
- Defined a new loss function for the **Swap Regression** model.
- Implemented ALT-OPT to solve the loss function.
- Implemented the model to test on real data as US Public Debt and GDP.
- Applied the model to predict the causality direction of US Public Debt and GDP without prior knowledge.

#### Digital Intervention for Loneliness | Prof. Suncica Hadzidedic | Durham University

May '24 - Ongoing

- Explored **Reddit** and **Google** to find relevant subreddits and apps which target **loneliness**.
- Scraped **Reddit**, **Google Play**, **Apple Play** and **A Lonely Life**(a loneliness forum), using relevant Python libraries, and Rvest(R), to collect text data on **loneliness**.
- Used **Topic Modelling** on the data collected to **cluster** the data into relevant topics, to realise what people are talking about online, to find out which areas of apps people would like to see an improvement in.

#### Deep Generative Models for Spatial-Temporal Data | Prof. Swapnil Mishra | NUS

- Working on using the technique to incorporate AggVAE with Population Disaggregation techniques to get good predictions using Low Resolutions data points.
- Implemented the model on **US Covid Data**, segregated by 9 Regions of the country.

# **Enveloping Techniques for Importance Sampling in MCMC | Prof. Dootika Vats | IIT Kanpur**

Aug '25 - Ongoing

May '25 - Ongoing

- Understood the paper by Apartim Shukla, Dootika Vats and Eric C. Chi on MCMC
  Importance Sampling via Moreau-Yosida Envelopes ☑.
- Reading about various enveloping techniques in **optimization**.
- Understanding the properties of various envelopes, and their usability in sampling, especially **Importance Sampling**.

#### MCMC Machine Unlearning | Course Project | Prof. Dootika Vats | IIT Kanpur

- Jan '25 Apr '25
- Understood and Implemented the paper on Markov chain monte carlo-based machine unlearning: Unlearning what needs to be forgotten ☑ by QP Nguyen et al.
- Compared the algorithm with other prominent MCMC sampling algorithms with **Logistic** and **Negative Binomial** Regression data.

## Other Experiences \_\_\_\_\_

### Teaching Assistant | MTH 208 | Prof. Dootika Vats | IIT Kanpur

Aug '24 - Nov'24

- Assisted Professor Dootika Vats in teaching the Undergraduate and Postgraduate students enrolled in MTH 208 the basics of the R language.
- Got a hands on experience of teaching a class of enthusiastic students.

#### Technical Skills

**Languages:** Python, R, C, C++,  $\LaTeX$ 

**Softwares and Libraries:** Matplotlib, Seaborn, Numpy, Pandas, Tensorflow, Librosa, Numpyro, Rvest, Tidyverse, GG-Plot2, Quarto, Shiny App

#### **Relevant Courses**

An Introduction to Bayesian Analysis*	Markov Chain Monte Carlo*
Probability Theory	Time Series Analysis
Introduction to Machine Learning*	Probabilistic Machine Learning
Data Structures & Algorithms	Theory of Statistics*
Elementary Stochastic Processes - I*	Elementary Stochastic Processes - II
Linear Regression & ANOVA*	Techniques in AI & Data Mining*
Multivariate Analysis	Real Analysis*

<sup>\*:</sup> Excellent Performance

# Positions of Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator, Stamatics Club Executive, Stamatics Club Oct '24 - Aug '25

Nov '23 - Oct '24