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Education

- 2018-2025
(Expected) Ph.D. candidate, Department of Statistics, Iowa State University.
Advisors: **Somak Dutta** and **Ranjan Maitra**.
- 2016-18 M.STAT., Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India - passed with distinction (Specialization: Theoretical Statistics)
- 2013-16 B.STAT. (HONS.), Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India - passed with distinction.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Computational Statistics • Spatial Statistics • Tensor-variate data • Machine Learning • Matrix-free methods.

Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2023 **Student paper award from American Statistical Association (ASA) Sections on Statistical Computing and Graphics.**
- 2023 **Best Narrative (Statistics), International Cherry Blossom Prediction Competition,** George Mason University, Department of Statistics, jointly with Aniruddha Pathak, Kunal Das.
- 2022 **Vince Sposito Computing Excellence Award, Iowa State University.**
- 2022 **Outstanding Student Presentation Award, Honorable Mention,** 21st Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Environmental Science, 2022, American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2013-18 **Inspire Scholarship,** funded by the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.

Publications & Talks

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2024 Tirone, E., *Pal, S.*, Gallus, W. A., Dutta, S., Maitra, R., Newman, J. L., Weber, E., and Israel Jirak, I., (2024) A Machine Learning Approach to Improve the Usability of Severe Thunderstorm Wind Reports, *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 105(3): E623-E638. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-22-0268.1>.
- 2023 *Pal, S.*, Dutta, S., Maitra, R. (2023) Fast matrix-free methods for model-based personalized synthetic MR imaging, *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 33(3): 1109-1117. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2023.2284208>.
- 2023 *Pal, S.*, Dutta, S., Maitra, R. (2023) Personalized Synthetic MR Imaging with Deep Learning Enhancements, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*, 89(4): 1634-1643. DOI: [10.1002/mrm.29527](https://doi.org/10.1002/mrm.29527).
- 2022 Ray, S., *Pal, S.*, Kar, S., Basu, A. (2022) Characterizing the Functional Density Power Divergence Class, *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, 69(2): 1141-1146. DOI: [10.1109/TIT.2022.3210436](https://doi.org/10.1109/TIT.2022.3210436)

SUBMITTED/IN-PREPARATION ARTICLES

- 2024 Pal, S., Maitra R., ToTTR: Tensor-on-Tensor Times Series Regression for Integrated One-step fMRI analysis.
- 2024 Pal, S., Dutta S., Matrix Free computations for Spatial functional Data.
- 2024 Pal, S., Dutta S., Matrix Free Analysis of Multivariate Spatial Data.
- 2022 Ray, S., Pal, S., Kar, S., Basu, A. Characterizing Logarithmic Bregman Functions, [arXiv:2105.05963](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.05963).

INVITED/JURIED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 (Topic contributed session) “Fast matrix-free methods for model-based personalized synthetic MR imaging”, *Joint Statistical Meetings 2023, Toronto, Canada*.
- 2022 (Juried) “Model-based Personalized Synthetic Magnetic Resonance Imaging”, *2022 IISA Conference, Bengaluru, India*.

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Matrix-free computations for factor analysis of multivariate Gaussian spatial data”, *Joint Statistical Meetings 2024, Portland, USA*.
- 2024 “ToTTR: Tensor-on-Tensor Times Series Regression for Integrated One-step fMRI analysis”, *Graduate student showcase, statistics in imaging virtual working group*.
- 2023 (Poster) ‘ToTTR: Tensor-on-Tensor Times Series Regression for Integrated One-step fMRI analysis’ *75th Anniversary Research Conference 2023, Ames, USA*.
- 2022 ‘ “Blowin’ in the wind” - Diagnosing the Probability that a Severe Thunderstorm Wind Report is Truly Due to Severe Intensity Wind Event.’, *21st Conference on Artificial Intelligence for Environmental Science, American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting 2022 (virtual Houston)*.
- 2022 “Model-based Personalized Synthetic Magnetic Resonance Imaging”, *NISS Graduate Student Research Conference, 2022, online*
- 2022 (Poster) “Personalized Synthetic Magnetic Resonance Imaging using Deep Learning Enhancements”, *57th Summer Research Conference (SRC) in statistics and biostatistics, Georgia*.

Packages

- 2022 [DeepSynMRI](#) - Python package for Synthetic Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program using Deep Learning Enhancements.
- 2021 [symr](#) - C++, R, and Python package for model-based Synthetic Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

- 2022-24 Research Assistant, Iowa State University
supervised by Maitra, R., National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- 2019-2022 Research Assistant, Iowa State University
“Predict the Probability that Severe Thunderstorm Wind Reports are from Severe Intensity Wind,”
supervised by Gallus, W. A., Dutta, S., Maitra, R., Newman, J. L., and Weber, E., funded by NOAA.

TEACHING

- 2018-19 Lab TA, Principles of Statistics (STAT 101), twice, 2018F, 2019S.
- 2018 Lab TA & grader, Statistical Methods for Research Workers (STAT 587), 2018F.
- 2019 Lab TA, Introduction to Business Statistics II for Business school students (STAT 326) 2019S.
- 2022 Grader, Introduction to Statistical Computing (STAT 579) 2022F.

Other Academic Activities

JOURNAL REVIEWER SERVICES

Cancer Imaging(2021); Sankhya, Series A (2022, 2023).

WORKSHOP

- 2023 Conducted ‘A Python workshop to bridge the gap between statistics and practical machine learning,’ jointly with Aniruddha Pathak, Gautham Venkatasubramanian, Benjamin Jacobs, and Federico Veneri Guarch. [Github link](#).
- 2019 Conducted workshop on ‘Text analysis’, jointly with Fan Dai, under the supervision of Prof. Somak Dutta and Prof. Ranjan Maitra. [Github link](#).

Skills

Programming Languages *Experienced:* R, C/C++, Python (including NN frameworks PyTorch and torch in R), *Familiar:* Unix systems, Shell script, Julia.

Computational Software: *Experienced:* Matlab, Microsoft Excel; *Familiar:* JMP, SAS.

Editing Software: \LaTeX , Microsoft Word.

Others

- Contributed to various open-source programs. See [Github profile](#).
- Other extracurricular activities include calligraphy, painting, tabla playing (Indian style drum), sculpting etc.
- Part of a group called *Kochi Songsod* that produces Bengali audio dramas and other online content. We are on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#). Please do visit in case you are interested!

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