Swapneel Mehta

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EDUCATION

Ph. D. Student at the Centre for Data Science, New York University, GPA 3.8

Exp. '24

Mentors: Kyle Cranmer, Rajesh Ranganath. Probabilistic Inference and Causal Discovery
 CDS Fellowship (2019-24), IRIS-HEP Fellow (2020-21)

Bachelor in Computer Engineering, University of Mumbai, $GPA\ 9.23$

2014 - 2018

• Applied Math, Graph Theory, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(Part-time) Research Intern, Adobe Inc., San Jose

Aug '20 - Present

Continuing offer from Summer Internship.

Data Science Research Intern, Adobe Inc., San Jose

May '20 - Aug '20

Graph-based deep learning for high-dimensional data (details withheld pending publication).

Technical Student, European Org. for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva Mar '18 - Jun '19

- Built graph neural networks for particle track reconstruction using collision data from the Large Hadron Collider.
- Optimized and extended the 'DeepJet' deep learning framework for jet physics, built using Tensorflow, Python, and custom C++ extensions for multithreaded operations on systems using the CMS Software Environment.

Openlab Intern, European Org. for Nuclear Research (CERN), Geneva June '17 - Aug '17

- Developed an ensemble of unsupervised learning models for anomaly detection in database connections.
- Published a first-author short paper, receiving a special mention in the machine learning track at 2nd Springer International Conference on Integrated Intelligent Computing, Communication, and Security, 2018.

*(Remote) Research Intern, Dr. S. Sahasrabudhe, IIT-B, Mumbai

Aug '16 - May '17

- Automated the evaluation for 3D Modeling assignments in Blender; Course Instructor for the MOOC 'Skill Development in Animation' catering to over 5,000 participants on the IITBombayX platform.
- Published a first-author short paper at IEEE International Conference on Advanced Learning Technologies, 2018.

SWE Intern, Smokescreen Technologies, Mumbai

Nov '16 - Mar '17

- Combined low-latency network scans, hostname clustering, intelligent decoys, and automated deployment using custom-built modules integrated into the NASSCOM-DSCI award-winning IllusionBlack software, 3rd Gen., 2017.
- Built a proof-of-concept honeypot with ICS/SCADA services responding on open ports in a FreeBSD 'jail' using open-source project 'Conpot'; mentored 2 interns from IIT-Bombay.

SWE Intern, Falkonry Software Solutions, Mumbai

July '16 - Sept '16

- Developed client API functions to enable real-time data streaming and subscription-based alerts in the three client connectors released as open-source codebases in Java, Python and Javascript.
- Added tests for the primary product to support concurrency using multithreading and asynchronous calls.

Summer Intern, Microsoft Research, IIT Bombay, Mumbai

May '16 - July '16

- Created a Google Analytics Dashboard to track and monitor user interactions on the "Lokacart" Android ecommerce application using the Enhanced E-commerce SDK.
- Presented the project to Microsoft Research and a committee of IIT-B faculty (video available: bit.ly/iitblokacart).

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PUBLICATIONS/TALKS

Slides and Publications available at swapneelm.github.io/presentations and Google Scholar

Mehta, Swapneel, et al. "DeepJet: A Machine Learning Environment for High-energy Physics." (2018).
 Invited Poster Presentation at Nvidia GPU Tech Conference 2019, USA;

Google Cloud Poster Award at the Deep Learning Indaba 2018, South Africa;

Poster Presentation at the Machine Learning Summer School 2018, Spain;

Invited Tutorial at the CMS Machine Learning Workshop, July 2018.

Oral Presentation at the 2nd CERN IML Machine Learning Workshop, 2018;

Invited Talk, CVIT Lab, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad, India.

- Best Paper, Mehta, Swapneel, Prasanth Kothuri, and Daniel Lanza Garcia. "A Big Data Architecture for Log Data Storage and Analysis." Integrated Intelligent Computing, Communication and Security. Springer, Singapore, 2019.
- **Mehta, Swapneel,** Prasanth Kothuri, and Daniel Lanza Garcia. "Anomaly Detection for Network Connection Logs." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1812.01941* (2018).
- **Reviewer**, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing (JPDC), October 2018.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Contributor, Depth First Fellowship, Jane Street: Participated in a 6-8 week discussion group with international researchers to create materials to explain Stein's Method in an accessible manner.
- **Mentor, The Grand Challenge, CERN/RCA:** Guided 4-5 teams of students from the Royal College of Art in London on leveraging AI/ML for designing sustainable solutions in science for The Grand Challenge.
- Contributing Author, Open Source For You Magazine: Featured articles on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, the blockchain, Linux, Docker, Puppet, Windows, and tutorials on Jekyll, NodeJS, Git, among others reaching over 250,000 readers till date (goo.gl/57NN6Y).
- **Founding Member, DJ Unicode:** Launched a student chapter undertaking open-source web and app (Android) development projects jointly mentoring a team of ~70 sophomores and juniors with selections for Google Summer of Code, international internships, and hackathon winners across the country (djunicode.in).
- Course Instructor, Fundamentals of 3D Viz., IITBombayX: Catered to an audience of over 5,000 learners. The course was selected as one of the Global edX Prize Finalists, 2019 (top 10 edX courses).
- Machine Learning Lead, Stanford Scholar Initiative: Led an international collaboration of students
 and researchers in building scientific talks to make state-of-the-art research more accessible (scholar.stanford.edu).
- **Education Support Fellow, Make a Difference:** Taught English and Math to 4 underprivileged students; achieved ~20% improvement. Organised national events as part of a team supported by Ms. Michelle Obama.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Delegate at the Schonfeld Quant Conference, NYC 2019 (15% acceptance).
- 2nd Prize, CodaLab Contest, Machine Learning in High-energy Physics Summer School, Oxford, 2018
- Economic Times Campus Stars Class of 2018 Selected as one of India's Top 33 Engineers
- Stanford Graduate School of Business, Reliance Scholarship Finalist 2017 (youngest finalist; \$150,000)
- Indian Academies of Science Fellowship, 2017
- HackDAIICT 1st Runners-up; offer for incubation by Indian Space Research Organisation, 2017
- Computer Society of India TechNext Hackathon, IIT Bombay, Winners, 2017
- Barclays Rise Hackathon, Envestnet Yodlee Award, 2016
- Chief Minister's Scholarship, Top 1% candidates in Higher Secondary Certificate (12th Grade), 2014