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EDUCATION

2023-Ongoing	Ph.D. in Computer Science, Princeton University, USA	_
	Advised by Prof. Danqi Chen (Specialization : Natural Language Processing)	
2019-23	Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering (Honors), IIT Bombay, India	9.67/10.00
2017-19	High School, Central Board of Secondary Education, India	97.2/100.0
2017	Senior Secondary School, Central Board of Secondary Education, India	98.0/100.0

Scholastic Achievements

- 2024 Recipient of the Hisashi and Masae Kobayashi *67 Fellowship.
- 2023 Was awarded the **Thomas Dooie Class of 1974 Research Award** for my Bachelor's Thesis.
- 2020 Was awarded an AP grade for exemplary performance in the course Data Structures and Algorithms.
- 2019 Secured All India Rank 18 in JEE Advanced 2019 out of 240 thousand candidates.
- 2019 Achieved All India Rank 114 in JEE Mains 2019 out of 1.1 million candidates.
- Secured a position in the top 39 ranks in the Indian National Physics Olympiad and was invited to the Orientation-cum-Selection-Camp in Physics held in May-June 2018.
- Secured a position in the top 49 ranks in the Indian National Chemistry Olympiad and was invited to the Orientation-cum-Selection-Camp in Chemistry held in May-June 2018.
- Among the **39 students** to clear the **Indian National Mathematical Olympiad**, becoming **one of the youngest** to **ever** be invited to the Orientation-cum-Selection-Camp in Mathematics **aged 14**.

■ INVITED TALKS

April 2024 The Heuristic Core: Understanding Subnetwork Generalization in Pretrained Language Models, Amazon AWS

Publications

- Finding Transformer Circuits With Edge Pruning, *arXiv, arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.16778* **Adithya Bhaskar**, Alexander Wettig, Dan Friedman, and Danqi Chen
- The The Heuristic Core: Understanding Subnetwork Generalization in Pretrained Language Models, Accepted to ACL 2024 (main), arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.03942
 - Adithya Bhaskar, Dan Friedman, and Dangi Chen
- 2024 Improving Language Understanding from Screenshots, *arXiv, arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.14073*Tianyu Gao, Zirui Wang, **Adithya Bhaskar**, and Danqi Chen
- 2023 Benchmarking and Improving Text-to-SQL Generation under Ambiguity, *EMNLP 2023 (Main)*Adithya Bhaskar*, Tushar Tomar*, Ashutosh Sathe, and Sunita Sarawagi
- 2023 Prompted Opinion Summarization with GPT-3.5, ACL 2023 (Findings)
 - Adithya Bhaskar, Alexander R. Fabbri, and Greg Durrett
- 2023 Performance Bounds for LASSO under Multiplicative Noise: Applications to Pooled RT-PCR Testing, Signal Processing, Vol. 214
 - Richeek Das, Aaron Jerry Ninan, Adithya Bhaskar, and Ajit Rajwade

UT Austin Summer 2022

Research Intern, NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING, USA

Guide: Prof. Greg Durrett

Very Large Language Models for Multi-Document Summarization

- > Developed metrics to measure **factuality**, **faithfulness** and **specificity** (whether it is correct, prefers major viewpoints, and is not too generic) for a summary of multi-document text such as hotel reviews.
- > Utilized the above along with an *n*-gram abstractiveness metric to benchmark **GPT-3.5**, and showed that simple hierarchical summarization of large text performs poorly on faithfulness and specificity.
- > Investigated various **pre-clustering** and **pre-summarization** methods and illustrated that pre-summarization with a pretrained keyword-based extractive model improves correctness, faithfulness and specificity, while only marginally affecting abstractiveness.

Uppsala University Summer 2021

Research Intern, FORMAL VERIFICATION,

Guide: Prof. Parosh Abdulla

Model Checking for Programs Running under the ARMv8 Memory Model

- > Developed a **model** and **simulator** for programs running under the ARMv8 memory model, and demonstrated the equivalence of the model to the ARM specification using **7500+** litmus tests.
- > Used Context Bounded Model Checking to perform State Reachability Analysis for programs under the ARMv8 memory model, achieving up to an order of magnitude of speedup over existing checkers.

■ SELECTED PROJECTS

Robust Models Spring 2023

Bachelor's Project, NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING, Guide: Prof. Sunita Sarawagi

Automated data augmentation for robustness.

- > Demonstrated that training a Text-to-SQL model on partially masked (underspecified) inputs leads to diversity in the model outputs, including in columns/tables, string literals, integers, and aggregates.
- > Filtered the outputs by model probabilities relative to the output with the unmasked question.
- > Furnished questions for the generated queries via an SQL-to-Text model. Data augmentation with the pairs led to increases in accuracy on the SPIDER dataset and the robustness benchmark, Dr. SPIDER.
- > The increases exceeded those obtained by augmenting with Dr. SPIDER style perturbations.

Group Testing Fall 2022

R&D Project, COMPRESSIVE SENSING, Guide: Prof. Ajit Rajwade

Applying compressive sensing to improve COVID-19 Group Testing.

- > Proved the theoretical applicability of Compressive Sensing with Weighted LASSO for any general noise model with an asymptotically well-defined Moment-Generating-Function.
- > Derived values of the optimal weights for the case of **Multiplicative Gaussian Noise** as in RT-PCR tests.
- > Demonstrated improvements in sensitivity, specificity, MCC and RMSE by Monte Carlo Simulations.

C Decompiler Fall 2020

Course Project, SOFTWARE SYSTEMS, Guide: Prof. Amitabha Sanyal

Recovering Code From Compiled RTL

- > Built a decompiler to convert Register Transfer Language to C for portability across architectures.
- > Utilized lex and bison to parse source code in RTL and identify program elements like assignments, basic arithmetic operations, conditional/looping constructs, function calls and memory accesses.
- > Performed local & global data flow analysis and control flow analysis to contextualize parsed code.

Distributed DL Summer 2020

Institute Technical Summer Project, DEEP LEARNING & DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS,

- > Developed a **Hierarchically Distributed Deep Convolutional Neural Network** in order to parallelize the workload across all computation nodes in a system.
- > Trained the system on **Super High Resolution Datasets** via spatial segmentation of samples, using state-of-the-art nets such as **VGG16**, **ResNet**, **DenseNet**, and **LeNet** as the underlying Neural Network.
- > Verified the approach by using the CINIC-10 and Retinal OCT datasets.

</> TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming C, C++, Python, Golang, BASH, SQL,

MATLAB, Java, Haskell

Web Dev Javascript, Angular, React, HTML, CSS Software & Tools LTFX, Git, FastAPI, Cypher, Spark

♥ CERTIFICATIONS

2020 Deep Learning Specialization (Coursera)> 5 Courses By Prof. Andrew Ng

2019 Codechef Advanced Certification