

Research Interests

Reinforcement Learning, Stochastic and Linear Bandits, Distributed Optimization, Statistical Inference

Education

- 2022 - **Cornell University**, *Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.)*, 4.0/4.0.
Ongoing Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisor: Prof. Vikram Krishnamurthy
- 2018–2022 **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**, *Bachelor of Technology*.
Major in Electronics and Communication Engineering GPA – 9.54/10 | 1st in batch of 128
Minor in Computer Science Engineering GPA – 9.4/10 | 1st in batch of 45

Experience

- May 2024 - **PhD Research Intern**, ADOBE RESEARCH, Digital Experience Cloud.
Aug 2024
 - Developed an online algorithm for selecting samples to be annotated, which leverages difficulty feedback from the annotator and considers the constraint that only a single expert is available
 - Proved regret guarantees for an explore and exploit algorithm for high dimensional sparse bandits and showed that it achieves sublinear regret even with a blocking constraint and without the hard sparsity constraint
- Jul 2023 - **Graduate Assistant**, CORNELL CENTER FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES, Cassian D' Cunha.
May 2024
 - Managed the cloud infrastructure for the CCSS, which provides computational resources for researchers
 - Improved log analytics, preemptive measures, and resource scalability for the Azure-based server environment
- May - Jul 2021 **Summer Analyst**, GOLDMAN SACHS, Cross Asset Quant Strats.
 - Clustered counterparties using Frequent Itemseting for Credit Valuation Adjustment (CVA) calculations
 - Improved computational performance by up to 40% for Foreign Exchange and Commodities CVA calculations
 - Pre Placement Offer** was extended for a full-time role based on performance
- May 2020 - **Research Assistant**, HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, UC BERKELEY, Prof. Abhishek Nagaraj.
Jul 2022
 - Helped parameterize and program an experiment on the streetlight effect of information on exploration
 - Analyzed and modeled heterogeneity in business's closure policies in response to Covid-19
 - Created a [dashboard](#) for the impact of different reopening policies on health and economic outcomes

Publications

- Journal **Structured Reinforcement Learning for Incentived Stochastic Covert Optimization**, A. Jain, V. Krishnamurthy, Control System Letters (L-CSS and CDC), May 2024, Accepted, [Early Access](#), [Code](#).
- Journal **Controlling Federated Learning for Covertiness**, A. Jain, V. Krishnamurthy, Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), January 2024, Accepted, [OpenReview](#), [Code](#).
- Journal **Controlling Stochastic Gradient Descent using Stochastic Approximation for Robust Distributed Optimization**, A. Jain, V. Krishnamurthy, Numerical Algebra, Control and Optimization (NACO), August 2024, Accepted; To Appear.
- Journal **Interpretable Deep Image Classification using Rationally Inattentive Utility Maximization**, K. Pattanayak, V. Krishnamurthy, A. Jain, IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, February 2024, Accepted [IEEE Link](#), [Code](#).
- Conference **Identifying Hate Speech Peddlers in Online Platforms. A Bayesian Social Learning Approach for Large Language Model Driven Decision-Makers**, A. Jain, V. Krishnamurthy, CDC 2024, Accepted, [Code](#).
- Conference **Bimodal Bandits: Max-Mean Regret Minimization**, A. Jain, S. Bhatt, V. Krishnamurthy, A. Koppel, Asilomar Conference, July 2024, Accepted.
- Conference **Optimal Joint Antenna Selection and Beamforming for an Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces Aided Multiuser System**, A. Jain, S. Kashyap, IEEE WCNC, Dec 2023, Accepted [IEEE Link](#).

Conference **Low Complexity Passive Beamforming Algorithms for Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces with Discrete Phase-Shifts over OFDM Systems**, A. Jain, R. Gowda, S. Kashyap, R. Sarvendranath, National Conference on Communications, May 2022, Accepted, [IEEE Link](#).

Achievements & Honours

- 2023-2025 **Data Science Fellowship**, *Cornell Center for Social Sciences*.
2022 **Institute Silver Medalist**, *IIT Guwahati*.
2020 - 21 **Institute Merit Scholarship 2021**, *IIT Guwahati*, full tuition fee waiver for ranking 1st in department.
2019 - 20 **Institute Merit Scholarship 2020**, *IIT Guwahati*, full tuition fee waiver for ranking 1st in department.
2018 **JEE Advanced**, Secured 99.996 percentile among 150K students with a rank of 1117.
2018 **JEE Mains**, Secured 99.999 percentile among 1.5M students with a rank of 237.

Technical Skills

Languages Python, R, MATLAB, Rust, C++, JavaScript
Frameworks PyTorch, PySpark, Pandas, axolotl, langchain, Plotly, numpy/scipy, OpenCV
Web Tech. jQuery, d3.js, React, Django, Flask, HTML, CSS
Presentation \LaTeX , Figma, Powerpoint

Relevant Courses

* AS/Outstanding Grade

Math. & EECS Statistical Learning Theory, Measure Theoretic Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Bayesian Estimation and Stochastic Optimization*, Advanced Statistical Algorithms*, Data Structures & Algorithms*

Side Projects

- Jan - Jul 2021 **Blip: Platform to help interviewees for Internships**, *Co-Founder*.
 - Bootstrapped a product to help students prepare better for the internship season using seniors' experiences
 - Garnered 1.2K MAUs with a total of 50K views and 5 mins average visit duration in 3 months of launch

Jul - Aug 2020 **Dimension Reduction of Random Effects for Generalized Linear Mixed Models**, *Dr. Christina Knudson, University of St. Thomas*, Link: [Code](#) & [Paper](#).
 - Sped up Generalized Linear Mixed Models using Dimension Reduction techniques on random effects. Paper received 2nd prize in Undergraduate CAM Presentation
 - Researched on Monte Carlo Likelihood Approximation used to calculate likelihood function of GLMM.

Bachelors Thesis

Title *Methods for IRS Passive Beamforming*, Supervisor: Dr. Salil Kashyap Link: [Reports](#)
Description

- Came up with a strongest tap based heuristic method for Passive Beamforming in OFDM based IRS setup with discrete reflection coefficients
- Devised algorithm for Antennae Selection in a multi-user MISO setup using manifold optimization.

Additional Coursework

Math Probability & Random Processes, Linear Algebra, Multi-variable Calculus, ODEs
ECE Network Coding, Information Theory & Coding, Digital Circuits*, Video Analytics*, Digital Communications*, Digital Signal Processing, Data-Driven System Theory, Adv. Control Systems

References

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