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PhD Candidate, Computer Science, Cornell University

Education

2015-present **Ph.D. Computer Science**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, NY.

Advisor: Thorsten Joachims

Thesis Committee: Solon Barocas, Karthik Sridharan, David Mimno.

Topic: Fairness in Ranking and Recommendation Systems.

Relevant Courses: Machine Learning Theory, Advanced topics in Machine Learning, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Causality and Learning for Intelligent Decision Making, Ethics and Policy in Data Science.

Grade Point Average: 4.09

2010–2015 **B.Tech.-M.Tech. Dual Degree**, *Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur*, India.

M.Tech. Cumulative Performance Index (CPI)– 10/10

BTech. Cumulative Performance Index (CPI)– 9.6/10

Publications

Marco Morik*, Ashudeep Singh*, Jessica Hong, Thorsten Joachims. **“Controlling Fairness and Bias in Dynamic Ranking”**. Accepted to ACM SIGIR 2020, Xi'an, China.

Ashudeep Singh and Thorsten Joachims. **“Policy Learning for Fairness in Ranking”**. In Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2019, vancouver, BC, Canada. [pdf]

Ashudeep Singh and Thorsten Joachims. **“Fairness of Exposure in Rankings”**. In KDD '18: The 24th ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining (SIGKDD), August 19–23, 2018, London, United Kingdom. ACM, New York, NY, USA. [pdf]

Ashudeep Singh, Thorsten Joachims. **“Equality of Opportunity in Rankings”**. At Workshop on Prioritising Online Content at NIPS 2017. [pdf]

Ashudeep Singh, Thorsten Joachims. **“Learning item embeddings using biased feedback”**. At Causal Inference and Machine Learning for Intelligent Decision Making Workshop at NIPS 2017. [pdf]

Tobias Schnabel, Adith Swaminathan, Ashudeep Singh, Navin Chandak, Thorsten Joachims. **“Recommendations as Treatments: Debiasing Learning and Evaluation”** In Proceedings of The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2016. [pdf]

David Adamson, Akash Bharadwaj, Ashudeep Singh, Colin Ashe, David Yaron, Carolyn P. Rosé. **“Predicting Student Learning from Conversational Cues”**. In Proceedings of 12th International Conference of Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS), Honolulu, HI, USA, June, 2014. [pdf]

David Adamson, Divyanshu Bhartiya, Biman Gujral, Radhika Kedia, Ashudeep Singh, Carolyn P. Rosé. **“Automatically Generating Discussion Questions”**. In Proceedings of 16th International Conference of Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED), Memphis, TN, USA, July, 2013. [pdf]

Research Internships

- January–May **Google Brain**, New York, NY.
2020 “**Avoiding Unhealthy Recommendation Experiences using Safe RL**”
*Research Internship project hosted by **Alex Beutel** (Google Brain).*
- May–August **Microsoft Research**, Montreal, QC, Canada.
2019 “**Feedback Loops and Producer-side fairness in Recommender systems**”
*Research Internship project working with **Fernando Diaz** (FATE Group).*
- May–August **Facebook**, Menlo Park, CA.
2017 “**Active Learning for Multilabel Classification**”
*Research internship project mentored by **Khalid El-Arini** (Feed Content Classification Team @ Newsfeed).*
- May–August **Microsoft Research Lab**, New York City, NY.
2016 “**Contextual Bandits for Personalization in fitness tracking applications**”
*Research internship project mentored by **John Langford** (MSR NYC) and **Ryen White** (Microsoft Health Intelligence and MSR Redmond).*
- May–July **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY.
2014 “**Using Preference Data to embed documents in Metric spaces**”
*Summer Research Project mentored by **Prof. Thorsten Joachims** (Cornell University).*
- May–July **Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, PA.
2013 “**A Computational Model for Quantitative Discourse Analysis in a Collaborative Learning Setting**”
*Summer Research Project mentored by **Prof. Carolyn P. Rosé** (Language Technologies Institute, CMU).*

Awards and Achievements

- 2019 Awarded the NeurIPS Travel Award to attend NeurIPS 2019, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2019 Outstanding TA Award by the Department of Computer Science for CS6780: Advanced Machine Learning class.
- 2018 Awarded the ACM Student Travel Award to attend SIGKDD 2018, London, UK.
- 2015 **Ranked first** in the M.Tech. batch of 108 students graduating in 2015 at IIT Kanpur.
- 2011–2015 Awarded **Academic Excellence Award** for outstanding academic achievements at IIT Kanpur for four consecutive years.
- 2010–2014 Awarded **CBSE Merit Scholarship** for Professional Studies by Central Board of Secondary Education, India.
- 2012 Recipient of **Summer Undergraduate Research Grant for Excellence (SURGE)**, granted by Dean Resource Planning and Generation, IIT Kanpur.

Professional Service

Reviewer for ICML 2020, Neurips 2020, ICML 2019, NeurIPS 2019, AAAI 2020, FACTS-IR workshop at SIGIR 2019, Repl4NLP workshop at ACL 2018.

Positions of Responsibility and Extra Curricular Activities

- Organized the **Machine Learning Discussion Group** at Cornell University (2016–18)
- Coordinated the PhD Visit Day 2016 for Cornell Computer Science Department as the **Visit Day Czar** with other czars, department staff and volunteers. (2016)
- Student Guide, Academic Mentor and Link Student for **Counselling Service**, IIT Kanpur (2011–13)

Teaching

- **Teaching Assistant** for CS6780: Advanced Machine Learning, CS4786: Machine Learning for Data Science, CS4780/5780 : Machine Learning for Intelligent Systems at Cornell University (2015–19)
 - Awarded an Outstanding TA Award for CS 6780: Advanced Machine Learning (Spring 2019).
- **Teaching Assistant** for CS679: Machine Learning for Vision and ESC101: Fundamentals of Computing at IIT Kanpur (2014–15)