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Research Interests

Deep Learning, Computer Vision, NLP, Applied Probability, Optimization, Theoretical Machine Learning

Education

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

[Nov 2021 – May 2025]

Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering with Honors
GPA: 9.49/10 (Department Rank **8th** amongst 200+ students)
Minor in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
Minor in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research

Publications

G. Bala*, **A. Gupta***, S.K. Behera, A. Sethi (2024), "Mitigating Instance-Dependent Label Noise: Integrating Self-Supervised Pretraining with Pseudo-Label Refinement" *arXiv preprint*, [arXiv:2412.04898](#)

*Equal contribution as first authors

Research Experience

Noisy Labels Training Improvement

[Jan '24-Present]

Guide: *Prof. Amit Sethi, EE, IITB*

Research Project

• Bachelor's Thesis Project

- Developed an end-to-end pipeline for training deep learning models on datasets with **Instance-dependent Noise (IDN)**
- Incorporated **contrastive learning** for pre-training, a **stage-wise filtering mechanism** to identify low-loss samples and **consensus-based labelling** for pseudo labels assignment, outperforming many existing methods significantly
- Implemented a combination of **Self-supervised Learning (SSL)** & **Semi-supervised Learning** to construct a feature extractor and **Supervised Learning along with Data augmentation** to train on the extracted features
- Achieved **93%** accuracy on **CIFAR-10** with **20% IDN** using **ResNet-18** following **DivideMix** and **SimCLR** for SSL

• Exploratory Research

- Conducted a comprehensive **literature survey** on **noisy labels training**, analysing existing methods and limitations
- Implemented a **hybrid** approach with **loss correction** and **sample selection** aimed to improve robustness by **10.5%**

Urban Building Energy Modelling

[Dec '22-Apr '23]

Guide: *Prof. Chirag Deb, Building Science, The University of Sydney*

Research Project

- Analyzed the **energy demand** and **renewable potential** of IIT Bombay campus using **City Energy Analyst** software
- Extracted **building footprints** from satellite images using image segmentation techniques such as **thresholding**, **edge detection**, and **clustering**, along with QGIS plugins like **MapFlow** and **MagicWand**, to analyse the energy potential

Professional Experience

Goldman Sachs | Internship

[May '24-July '24]

Received a Pre-Placement Offer for exceptional performance and contribution during the Quantitative Analyst internship

- Modelled the **interest rate forward curve** using **Gaussian Process** with **Ornstein-Uhlenbeck** covariance function
- Derived expressions for **basis functions** of the interest rate forward curves, spanning a spectrum from **piecewise constant (infinite degree)** to **piecewise quadratic** forms by varying a hyperparameter in the covariance function
- Calculated **dollar price** and **risk impacts** of the new covariance function on various **live and synthetic securities**

Scholastic Achievements

- Awarded a **Department Change** to **Electrical Engineering (B.Tech)** among 20 out of 900+ students ['22]
- Achieved **All India Rank 607** in **JEE Advanced 2021** examination among **0.22 million** registered candidates ['21]
- Secured **99.86** percentile in **JEE Main 2021** examination among **1.2 million** registered candidates ['21]
- Bagged an All India Rank **689** in **KVPY** and awarded with the prestigious scholarship and fellowship by GoI ['20]
- Scored **100 percent** marks in **Mathematics** and **Physical Education** in class 12th CBSE Boards Examinations ['21]

Key Technical Projects

Animal Classification: CNN Implementation

[Mar '23-Apr '23]

Guide: *Prof. Biplab Banerjee, C-MInDS, IITB*

Course Project (Introduction to Machine Learning)

- Achieved **98%** accuracy by implementing a **Convolutional Neural Network** in **tensorflow** to classify animal species
- Constructed end-to-end pipeline for **preprocessing, visualization & prediction** using python libraries like **OpenCV**
- Deployed **7 layers** with multiple filters, **dropout regularization**, **Adam optimizer** and **ReLU activation function**

Intelligent Loan Repayment Forecasting

[Dec '22-Jan '23]

Python Deep Learning Project

Self Project

- Curated **Kaggle LendingClub dataset**, encompassing the personal, professional and financial details of its members
- Preprocessed and feature engineered the data, **handled null values** and **transformed categorical data** for ML model
- Achieved **94%** accuracy in predicting repayment status using **ANN of four dense layers & dropout regularization**

Hinglish Sentiment Analysis

[Oct '24-Nov '24]

Guide: *Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya, CSE, IITB*

Course Project (Speech, NLP and the Web)

- Developed classifier for **sentiment analysis** on code-mixed social media text using unsupervised multilingual embeddings
- Benchmarked on cross-lingual word embeddings like **VecMap** and **mBERT**, and monolingual embeddings like **Word2Vec** and **GloVe** using neural models such as **Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)** and **Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)**
- Achieved **62% accuracy** in classifying Hinglish tweets as **positive, neutral, or negative** using LSTM with GloVe

Undersampled Image Recontrucion

[Mar '24-Apr '24]

Guide: *Prof. Ajit Rajwade, CSE, IITB*

Course Project (Advanced Image Processing)

- Achieved RMSE of **0.23** in reconstructing the **medical images** from its undersampled **projections** using **MATLAB**
- Solved a **constrained l_1 minimization problem** based on a **compressed sensing algorithm**, employing **discrete gradient transforms** as the sparsifying basis and using a **Filtered Backprojection image** as a prior for reconstruction
- Utilized **algebraic reconstruction technique** along with **steepest gradient descent** iteratively to obtain the images

Housing Rent Valuation and Analysis

[Oct '22-Nov '22]

Guide: *Prof. Amit Sethi, EE, IITB*

Course Project (Programming for Data Science)

- Scraped and collected data about various factors affecting housing rent from various resources available on the web
- Performed EDA on various features and compared the rent using **linear, ridge and lasso regression** on our dataset

Image Quilting: Texture Synthesis and Transfer

[Oct '23-Nov '23]

Guide: *Prof. Ajit Rajwade, CSE, IITB*

Course Project (Digital Image Processing)

- Implemented a **texture synthesis** algorithm in **MATLAB**, yielding quality textures by stitching small base textures
- Extended the algorithm for **texture transfer**, enabling objects to be rendered with **textures from a source image**
- Transformed **RGB images to YCbCr** for detailed alignment, enhanced correlation through **histogram equalization**, and applied **Image Quilting** to integrate matching source texture blocks by minimizing error across overlapping region

Computer Vision Project

[May '23-July '23]

Maths and Physics Club, IITB

Summer of Science

- Studied the theory for vision problems including the relevance of **hyperparameters, padding & pooling operations**
- Explored the use of Convolutional Neural Networks in **object detection & localisation** and **image classification**

Other Projects

Portfolio Optimisation

[Oct '24-Nov '24]

Guide: *Prof. Vishnu Narayanan, IEOR, IITB*

Course Project (Mathematical Optimisation Techniques)

- Employed **QP, DE, and SLSQP** to optimize **asset allocation** and create efficient portfolios under complex constraints
- Implemented **VaR and CVaR** to assess portfolio risk, focusing on downside and tail risks for comprehensive management
- Applied **Ledoit-Wolf** and **OAS shrinkage** methods to improve covariance matrix stability in portfolio optimization

Miniature DC Current Controller

[Jan '24-Apr '24]

Guide: *Prof. Siddharth Tallur, EE, IITB*

Course Project (Electronic Design Lab)

- Designed a **high-current source** with **0.1%** precision and control algorithms for stable regulation & spike protection
- Received **Best Project Award** for easy **user accessibility** and designing an effective **consumer deliverable product**

RISC Processor

Guide: *Prof. Virendra Singh, EE, IITB*

[Oct '22-Dec '22]
Course Project (Digital Systems)

- Modelled a **16-bit** processor with **8 register** in **VHDL** using **structural and behavioural modelling** in Quartus
- Designed **hardware flowchart** & implemented components like **Datapath & Controller** for its optimal functionality
- Simulated the controllers' state transition process using a **self-prepared testbench** by running the **RTL Simulation**

Pipelined Processor

Guide: *Prof. Virendra Singh, EE, IITB*

[Apr '23-May '23]
Course Project (Microprocessors)

- Modelled a **16-bit pipelined processor** incorporating 6 stages & 8 registers in **VHDL** using **behavioral modelling**
- Streamlined **hazard mitigation** by implementing **Forwarding mechanism**, eliminating structural and data hazards
- Simulated the designed processor by running **RTL Simulation** of **Modelsim**, validating its operational integrity

Bubble Shooting Game

Guide: *Prof. Parag Chaudhuri, CSE, IITB*

[Nov '21-Mar '22]
Course Project (Computer Programming and Utilization)

- Modelled a **Bubble Shooting Game** using **Codeblocks** in **C++**, implementing **game programming** using a recursive algorithm incorporating concepts of **object oriented programming like classes, loops and structures**
- Simulated the multi-feature game play by utilizing the graphics and canvas capabilities of **Simplecpp graphics**
- Implemented multiple features like **parabolic motion of bubbles, score, health & bullet triggered bubbles split**

Technical Skills

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| Programming Languages | C++, Python, Embedded C, SQL, VHDL, Assembly |
| Python Libraries | Tensorflow, Keras, Pytorch, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly, Cufflinks, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, NLTK, SciPy, Pyomo |
| Other Softwares | Git/GitHub, L ^A T _E X, MATLAB, Quartus, Keil, QGIS, NGSpice, GNU Radio, AutoCAD |

Key Courses Undertaken

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| Computer Science | Computer Programming and Utilization, Programming for Data Science, Introduction to Machine Learning, Digital Image Processing, Advanced Image Processing, Speech and Natural Language Processing and the Web* |
| Probability & Optimisation | Probability & Random Processes, Advanced Probability, Markov Chains & Queuing Systems, Optimization Models*, Mathematical Optimization Techniques* |
| Mathematics & Physics | Calculus I & II, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations I & II, Complex Analysis, Number Theory and Cryptography, Applied Linear Algebra*, Quantum Physics and Application, Basics of Electricity and Magnetism |
| Electrical Engineering | Analog Circuits, Digital Systems, Microprocessors, Control Systems, Communication Systems, Power Engineering, EM Waves, Signal Processing, Electronic Devices, Communication Networks, Electronic Design Lab, VLSI Design |

*to be completed by Nov'24

Mentorship Experience

PROJECT MENTOR | SUMMER OF SCIENCE

Topic: *Data Science*

[May '23-July '23]
Maths and Physics Club, IITB

- Exercised strong mentorship capabilities while guiding and instructing a team of **6 students** for a **2 months** project
- Fostered a profound and comprehensive understanding of core concepts in **Data Science & Machine Learning** to them
- Guided them in formulating the **Plan of Action** and compiling the **final report** for successful project completion

Extra-curricular Activities

- Volunteered **80+** hours of social service to **Green Campus** initiative by National Service Scheme at IIT Bombay ['21]
- Participated in an **Electrical based General Championship** as a representative of Hostel 3 in a team of four ['23]
- Awarded a **certificate** on completing a **Python for data science & machine learning** course issued by Udemy ['23]