

Harshvardhan Agarwal

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EDUCATION

2024–2026	M.S. in Computer Science , Stanford University	CGPA: 4.02/4.0
Relevant Courses: Language Modeling from Scratch, Machine Learning with Graphs, Human-Centered NLP, Principles of Robot Autonomy		
2020–2024	B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering , IIT Bombay	CGPA: 9.93/10.0
Relevant Courses: Data Analysis and Interpretation, AI and ML, Intelligent and Learning Agents, Organization of Web Information, Advanced Image Processing		

HONORS & AWARDS

- Silver Medal at **International Physics Olympiad** (IPhO 2019), Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Honourable Mention at **Asian Physics Olympiad** (APhO 2019), Adelaide, Australia.
- Infosys Award for excellent performance in **International Olympiads**.
- **ICPC 2024 World Finalist**, Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Rank 9 in **JEE Advanced 2020** amongst 150,000 aspirants.
- Rank 6 in **JEE Main 2020** taken by over 1 million aspirants.
- **KVPY Fellowship 2019** recipient with Rank 3.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Harshvardhan Agarwal**, Sunita Sarawagi, “The missing alignment link of In-Context learning on sequences,” in *Proceedings of the Forty-Second International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2025.
- [2] Pulkit Agarwal, **Harshvardhan Agarwal**, Vaibhav Raj, Swaprava Nath, “Harmonious balanced partitioning of a network of agents,” in *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems*, 2025.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder, ContextFort (YC S25)	Summer 2025
– Built a system to safeguard developer-facing coding agents against prompt-injection and other adversarial inputs. Designed a red-teaming agent to identify vulnerabilities in deployed agents. Raised \$500K in pre-seed funding.	
Software Engineering Intern, Optiver Services B.V.	Summer 2023
– Designed and implemented a high-performance data retrieval and aggregation pipeline for order-flow data across distributed storage systems, substantially improving latency and throughput. Refined detection logic for aggressive orders relative to self-resting orders to ensure accurate monitoring and analysis.	
Quantitative Research Intern, Tower Research Capital	Winter 2022
– Built a regression model to forecast short-horizon price movements in highly liquid crypto markets. Optimized trading strategies by applying reinforcement learning to maximize PnL over simulated order-book dynamics.	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

K-shot Long Context Relational Transformer <i>Prof. Jure Leskovec and Prof. Carlos Guestrin, Stanford</i>	Fall 2025 - Present
– Investigating effective graph sub-sampling and example retrieval methods for better informed predictions and optimizing architecture for long context scaling of Relational Transformer.	
Stanford Online Deliberation Platform <i>Prof. Ashish Goel, Stanford</i>	Fall 2024 – Present
– Implemented algorithm for auditing justified representation (JR) in expert-question selection for deliberative process. Working on context attributed agenda creation from article and discussion.	
In-Context Learning for Structured Predictions <i>Prof. Sunita Sarawagi, IIT Bombay</i>	Summer 2024
– Investigated language models' ability to learn alignment in-context from sequences. Developed ICATune for sample efficient finetuning and improved OOD generalization.	
Balanced Multi-Agent Partitioning with Preferences <i>Prof. Swaprava Nath, IIT Bombay</i>	Spring 2024
– Characterized fairness properties (EF and Core) in balanced partitions and proved existence of (1,0)-core partitions. Demonstrated impossibility of envy-free balanced partition for 2D-integer lattices.	
Tokenization Techniques in Large Language Models <i>Prof. Preethi Jyothi and Prof. Soumen Chakrabarti, IIT Bombay</i>	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024
– Pretrained tokenization-free models (HLM, Charformer, CANINE), and fine-tuned for NLI and sentiment tasks. Proposed a novel token-generation architecture for morphological end-to-end subword discovery for multilingual text.	
Robust Celltree for Distributed Repositories <i>Prof. Manoj Prabhakaran, IIT Bombay and Prof. Indranil Gupta, UIUC</i>	Fall 2023 - Spring 2024
– Developed dynamic, programmable data-tree structures ensuring correctness, liveness, and fault tolerance. Integrated cryptographic PoS mechanisms to prevent Sybil attacks.	
The Homesteading Problem and Packing Cubes <i>Prof. Sándor Fekete, TU Braunschweig and Prof. Aaron Becker, UH Texas</i>	Summer 2022
– Developed strategies for maximizing discrete clearance under constant erosion in the L_∞ norm. Proved optimal worst-case cube packings inside a cuboid, extending known 2D results to three dimensions.	

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- MA 109 Calculus I — *Prof. Mayukh Mukherjee, IIT Bombay*
- CS 251 Software Systems Lab — *Prof. Kavi Arya, IIT Bombay*
- CS 6001 Game Theory and Mechanism Design — *Prof. Swaprava Nath, IIT Bombay*
- CS 217 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning — *Prof. Swaprava Nath, IIT Bombay*