# Harvineet Singh

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning, Statistical Modeling, Sequential Data Analysis, Interactive Learning, Network Analysis, Computational Social Science, Digital Health

**EDUCATION** 

Ph.D. in Data Science,

Center for Data Science, New York University, NY, US

August 2018 - Present

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Integrated Master of Technology in Mathematics and Computing, CGPA: 8.7/10

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, India July 2010 - July 2015

Central Board of Secondary Education, Class XII,

Marks(%): 92.40 2010

D.A.V. Public School, Kota, Rajasthan

Marks(%): 97.40

Central Board of Secondary Education, Class X, B.C.M. Sr. Sec. School, Ludhiana, Punjab

2008

**PUBLICATIONS** 

- Moumita Sinha, Vishwa Vinay and **Harvineet Singh**. 'Modeling Time to Open of Emails with a Latent State for User Engagement Level'. ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining, **WSDM 2018**. [Link].
- Ritwick Chaudhry\*, **Harvineet Singh**\*, Pradeep Dogga, and Shiv Saini. 'Modeling Hint-Taking Behavior and Knowledge State of Students with Multi-Task Learning'. International Conference on Educational Data Mining, **EDM 2018**. [Link].
- Sumit Shekhar, Dhruv Singal, **Harvineet Singh**, Manav Kedia and Akhil Shetty. 'Show and Recall: Learning What Makes Videos Memorable'. IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision, **ICCV Workshop on MBCC 2017**. [Link].
- Siddharth Bora, **Harvineet Singh**, Anirban Sen, Amitabha Bagchi and Parag Singla. 'On the role of conductance, geography and topology in predicting hashtag virality'. **Social Network Analysis and Mining 2015**. Springer Journal. [Link].

Under Review

- Prakhar Gupta\*, Gaurush Hiranandani\*, **Harvineet Singh**\*, Iftikhar Ahamath Burhanuddin, Zheng Wen and Branislav Kveton. 'Online Diverse Recommendations from Partial-Click Feedback'. Submitted August 2018. [Link].
- Harvineet Singh, Moumita Sinha, Sahil Garg, Neha Banerjee, Atanu R. Sinha. 'Survival Models for Deciding Email Send Time'. Submitted August 2018. [Link].

#### Master's Thesis

Predicting Virality and Adoption of Topics in Online Social Networks

[Link to Presentation] [Link to Report]

July 2015

Worked with Prof. Amitabha Bagchi and Prof. Parag Singla to develop a machine learning algorithm for predicting virality of topics in Twitter. Investigated role of network structure and different derived features for the prediction task, achieving state-of-the-art accuracy. For the problem of

<sup>\*</sup>Equal Contribution

predicting future adopters of a topic, devised a graph-based approach to find embeddings of users based on their topic activity. Experiments performed on a dataset of 7.7 million Twitter users.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Adobe Research, India: Research Engineer

Member of Big Data Experience Lab

July 2015 - August 2018

Devised and prototyped machine learning algorithms for problems in customer behavior analytics. Worked on transferring technologies to Adobe's digital marketing solutions.

#### Adobe Research, India: Research Internship

PI: Dr. Moumita Sinha

Predicting abandonment of online shopping carts

May 2014 - July 2014

Devised an algorithm to predict return of customers after an online shopping session and tested it on large-scale web clickstream datasets. Work productized as a feature in Adobe Experience Cloud.

#### Adobe Research, India: Research Internship

PI: Mr. Mohit Garg

Assisting social content creators by suggesting what, when and how to post May 2013 - July 2013 Worked on a system to infer user interests and demographic attributes from online social feed. Developed an approach based on text mining and graph analysis to find most receptive user segments. Implemented a web-based tool, as a proof-of-concept prototype, built using HTML, PHP and Python to fetch Twitter feeds and display results of data analysis.

# Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary

PI: Dr. Krisztian Buza

 ${\it Missing \ value \ imputation \ for \ classification \ problems}$ 

May 2012 - July 2012

Analysed effect of imputation techniques in *missing completely at random* case. Experimented with decision tree and neural network based classifiers on both real-world and synthetic datasets.

# AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- IITD Semester Merit Award for meritorious academic performance (top 7% of batch).
- Awarded HRD Scholarship by Ministry of Human Resource Development for academic excellence at IIT, 2014.
- All India Rank 813 in IIT-JEE (entrance examination) 2010 among 0.46 million students.
- Awarded CBSE Merit Certificates for being in **top 0.1%** nationwide in Mathematics & English secondary school examinations, 2008.
- Achieved All India Rank 76 in National Level Science Talent Search Examination, 2008.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Campus Centurion, a Pan-IIT Data Analytics Competition by American Express, 2014.

#### Professional Service

Teaching Assistant: Took tutorial classes and guided students for 2 courses at IIT Delhi.

• MAL 180: Discrete Mathematical Structures

July 2014 - November 2014

• MAL 111: Intro to Analysis and Differential Eqns.

July 2013 - November 2013

Paper Sub-reviewer: RecSys 2017, UAI 2017.

# PATENT APPLICATIONS

- Moumita Sinha, Kandarp S. Khandwala, **Harvineet Singh** and D. P. Tejas. 'Online Shopping Cart Analysis'. U.S. Patent Application 14/623,248. Filed February 2015.
- Moumita Sinha, Kandarp S. Khandwala, **Harvineet Singh** and D. P. Tejas. 'Predicting Unsubscription of Potential Customers'. U.S. Patent Application 14/614,252. Filed February 2015.
- Kokil Jaidka, Prakhar Gupta, Iftikhar Ahamath Burhanuddin and **Harvineet Singh**. 'Generation of Natural Language Notifications'. U.S. Patent Application 15/163,531. Filed May 2016
- Moumita Sinha, **Harvineet Singh**, Philippe Ferdinand and Veronique Gaudrat. 'Fatigue Control in Dissemination of Digital Marketing Content'. U.S. Patent Application 15/216,360. Filed July 2016.
- Prakhar Gupta, Shiv Kumar Saini, Gaurush Hiranandani and Harvineet Singh. 'End of Period Metric Projection with Intra Period Alerts'. U.S. Patent Application 15/609,254. Filed May 2017.

- Moumita Sinha, Vishwa Vinay, Harvineet Singh and Frederic Mary. 'Modeling Time to Open of Electronic Communications'. U.S. Patent Application 15/808,171. Filed November 2017.
- Prakhar Gupta, Iftikhar Ahamath Burhanuddin, Harvineet Singh and Atanu Sinha. 'Intelligent Analytics Interface'. U.S. Patent Application 15/808,498. Filed November 2017.

SELECTED Research Projects

#### Representation Learning on Graphs

Prof. Amitabha Bagchi and Prof. Parag Singla, IIT Delhi January 2015 - July 2015

- Developed a method to learn representations of users in social networks from their activity traces.
- Demonstrated utility of extracted representations for predicting demography and future adopters.

### Mixture Models for Survival Analysis of Email Data

Dr. Moumita Sinha and Dr. Vishwa Vinay, Adobe Research January 2017 - Present

- Devised a predictive model for time taken by a customer to open an email using Survival analysis.
- Used a mixture model to account for population heterogeneity in survival times. [WSDM 2018]

### Time Series Forecasting of Web Traffic Metrics at Multiple Time Scales

Dr. Shiv Kumar Saini, Adobe Research

July 2016 - December 2016

- Investigated a recurrent neural network architecture to forecast end of period values of time series, say daily revenue, from intra-period data, say hourly revenue.
- Model used for anomaly detection with confidence intervals estimated using bootstrap approach.

#### Online Recommendation of Diversified Lists

Dr. Branislav Kveton, Adobe Research

January 2017 - Present

- Modeled the problem of personalizing recommendation lists to user interests with an objective of maximizing probability of a click on the list.
- Developed an online learning algorithm with provable guarantees that learns from click feedback.

#### Video Summarization with Memorability Objective

Dr. Sumit Shekhar, Adobe Research

December 2016 - August 2017

- Designed and implemented a system to create memorable summaries of user-generated videos.
- Introduced a method for video memorability estimation using video semantics, saliency and color.
- Solved a submodular optimization problem to create video summaries, achieving accuracies at par with state-of-the-art methods. [ICCV Workshop 2017]

### Machine Learning for Online Education

Dr. Shiv Kumar Saini, Adobe Research

May 2017 - November 2017

- Developed a model for estimating knowledge state of students taking online assessments.
- Proposed a memory-augmented neural network trained jointly on two tasks, namely, students' knowledge state prediction and hint-usage prediction.
- Demonstrated state-of-the-art performance on both tasks with AUC improvement of 2%.

#### Multi-View Learning for Customer Behavior Prediction

Dr. Atanu Sinha, Adobe Research; Prof. Niloy Ganguly, IIT Kharagpur May 2016 - August 2016

- Proposed a method to predict purchase behavior from customer activity on multiple channels.
- Used Deep Canonical Correlation Analysis to learn shared subspace from channel features.

INVITED TALKS

- 1. Algorithms for Churn Management in Email Marketing
  - Adobe Symposium, Mumbai, India

May 2017 • Adobe Tech Summit, San Jose, CA, USA February 2017

- 2. Embedding Nodes in Online Social Networks
  - Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi

July 2015

• Graph Workshop, IBM India Research Laboratory

March 2015

# Press Coverage OF WORK

Churn Prediction in Email Marketing

- 'Adobe wants to bring its AI smarts to email marketing campaigns'. **TechCrunch**. August 29, 2017. [Link]
- 'Adobe Previews In-Development Features at Summit 2016'. Techvibes. March 25, 2016. [Link]

# Positions of RESPONSIBILITY

# Internship Project Supervisor, Adobe Research

- Ritwick Chaudhry and Pradeep Dogga, Personal assistants for online education
- Neha Banerjee and Sahil Garg, Optimal send time strategy for email campaigns
- Stefanie Baby, Akash Gupta and Varun Rawal, Multi-view learning for user behavior prediction

## Teaching Volunteer, Aarohan NGO

• Taught students from a government school supplementing their higher secondary education

# Hostel Captain, BSA (Board for Sports Activities) IIT Delhi

• Led hostel Basketball team in inter-hostel tournaments finishing with Bronze medal in 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS Programming Languages: (Proficient) Python, Java, R; (Familiar) C++, MATLAB, JavaScript ML Frameworks: Tensorflow, Keras, Apache MXNet, Apache Spark, Numpy Applications and Tools: IATEX, Basic Bash Scripting, Git, MS Office

#### Relevant Courses

#### Computer Science

Fundamentals of Machine Learning Neuroimaging Methods Analysis and Design of Algorithms

**Data Structures** Programming Languages Database Management Systems

Computer Architecture

#### Mathematics

Probability and Stochastic Processes Multivariate Statistical Methods

Optimization Methods and Applications

Linear Algebra

Discrete Mathematics

Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery Numerical Methods of Computation

References

Available upon request.