Harsh Satija

School of Computer Science McGill University

Education

Ph.D., Computer Science 2018 – Present

McGill University Advisor: Joelle Pineau

Master of Science, Computer Science 2015 – 2017

McGill University Advisor: Joelle Pineau

Thesis: Using Deep Reinforcement Learning for Online Machine Translation

B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering 2009 – 2013

International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) - Hyderabad, India

Employment

Research Assistant, PhD 2018 – 2019

Facebook AI Research, Montreal

Worked on fundamental Reinforcement Learning research problems including exploration, transfer learning and building algorithms with safety guarantees.

Research Intern 2017-2017

Google Research, Mountain View

Worked on latent variable generative models for computer system optimization.

Data Scientist 2014–2015

Sokrati, India

Built real-time bidding agents and recommender systems at a digital advertising start-up.

Software Engineer 2013–2014

Amazon, India

Built management and monitoring web services for Amazon.com's merchants.

Scientific works

CONFERENCE ARTICLES

- 1. **H. Satija**, A. Lazaric, M. Pirotta, and J. Pineau. Group Fairness in Reinforcement Learning. In *Transactions of Machine Learning (TMLR)*, 2023.
- 2. **H. Satija**, P. S. Thomas, J. Pineau, and R. Laroche. Multi-Objective SPIBB: Seldonian Offline Policy Improvement with Safety Constraints in Finite MDPs. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing*

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- Systems (NeurIPS), 2021.
- 3. S. Amin, M. Gomrokchi, H. Aboutalebi, **H. Satija** and D. Precup. Locally Persistent Exploration in Continuous Control Tasks with Sparse Rewards. In *International Conference for Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2021.
- 4. **H. Satija**, P. Amortila, and J. Pineau. Constrained Markov Decision Processes via Backward Value Functions. In *International Conference for Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2020.
- 5. A. Touati, **H. Satija**, J. Romoff, J. Pineau, and P. Vincent. Randomized value functions via multiplicative normalizing flows. In *Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)*, 2019.
- 6. **H. Satija**, and J. Pineau. Fictitious Play for learning Generative Adversarial Networks. In *Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM)*, 2017.

PATENTS

1. US Patent 10,650,001 B2: Disaggregating Latent Causes for Computer System Optimization, 2020. M. Hashemi, P. Ranganathan, H. Satija.

PRE-PRINTS

- 1. S. Amin, **H. Satija**, M. Gomrokchi, H. van Hoof, D. Precup. A Survey of Exploration Methods in Reinforcement Learning arXiv:2109.00157
- 2. **H. Satija***, A. Zhang*, J. Pineau. Decoupling dynamics and reward for transfer learning. arXiv: 1804.10689
- 3. **H. Satija***, J. Pineau. Simultaneous machine translation using deep reinforcement learning. In *ICML Workshop on Abstraction in Reinforcement Learning*, 2016.

Awards

IVADO Doctoral Excellence Scholarship

2021-2023

Teaching

I have been a Teaching Assistant at McGill University for:

- Reinforcement Learning, COMP-767: Winter 2019
- Probabilistic Graphical Models, COMP-767: Fall 2019
- Applied Machine Learning, COMP-551: Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Winter 2018
- Artificial Intelligence, COMP 424 : Fall 2017, Winter 2017