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## Research Interests

Theoretical and methodological aspects of high-dimensional statistics, robust estimation, neural networks, causal inference.

## Education

**PhD. in Statistics and Data Science** May 2022  
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA  
Thesis: Learning non-parametric and high-dimensional distributions  
via information-theoretic methods  
Advisor: Prof. Yihong Wu

**Master of Statistics (Hons.)** (First class with distinction) May 2017  
Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal, India  
Specialization: Theoretical Statistics  
Dissertation: Characterization of single-integral non-kernel divergences  
Advisor: Prof. Ayanendranath Basu

**Bachelor of Statistics (Hons.)** (First class with Distinction) May 2015  
Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal, India

## Work experiences

**University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, USA**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics. August 2024 – Current

**Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA**  
Postdoc, Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering June 2022 – July 2024  
Hosts: Prof. Sanjeev Kulkarni and Prof. Jianqing Fan  
Researcher, The First Republic Bank Research and Lifelong Learning Program June 2022 – May 2023  
Lecturer Spring 2023 and Fall 2023

## Preprints (“\*”: Authors list not in alphabetical order)

1. Shange Tang, Soham Jana, Jianqing Fan. [Factor adjusted spectral clustering for mixture models](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2408.12564 (2024).

2. Soham Jana, Jianqing Fan, Sanjeev Kulkarni\*. [A general theory for robust clustering via trimmed mean](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.05574 (2024).
3. Soham Jana, Kun Yang, and Sanjeev Kulkarni\*. [Adversarially robust clustering with optimality guarantees](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2306.09977 (2023).
4. Soham Jana, Yury Polyanskiy, and Yihong Wu. [Optimal empirical Bayes estimation for the Poisson model via minimum-distance methods](#). arXiv preprint arXiv:2209.01328 (2022). Under major revision at **Information and Inference - a journal of IMA**.

#### Journal publications (“\*”: Authors list not in alphabetical order)

1. Soham Jana, Henry Li, Yutaro Yamada, and Ofir Lindenbaum. [Support recovery with Stochastic Gates: theory and application for linear models](#). Elsevier Signal Processing (2023), 213, p.109193.
2. Yanjun Han, Soham Jana and Yihong Wu, [Optimal Prediction of Markov Chains With and Without Spectral Gap](#), in IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, vol. 69, no. 6, pp. 3920-3959, June 2023, doi: 10.1109/TIT.2023.3239508. (**Extended from the NeurIPS version with analysis of higher-order Markov chains and different loss functions**)
3. Soham Jana and Ayanendranath Basu.\* [A characterization of all single-integral, non-kernel divergence estimators](#). IEEE Transactions on Information Theory 65.12 (2019): 7976-7984.

#### Conference publications (“\*”: Authors list not in alphabetical order)

1. Soham Jana, Yury Polyanskiy, Anzo Teh, and Yihong Wu. [Empirical Bayes via ERM and Rademacher complexities: the Poisson model](#). In Conference on Learning Theory 2023 Jul 15, PMLR 195:5199-5235.
2. Yanjun Han, Soham Jana, and Yihong Wu. [Optimal prediction of Markov chains with and without spectral gap](#). NeurIPS 2021.
3. Soham Jana, Yury Polyanskiy, and Yihong Wu. [Extrapolating the profile of a finite population](#). In Conference on Learning Theory 2020 Jul 15 (pp. 2011-2033). PMLR.

#### Conferences and Invited Talks

Joint Statistical Meetings  
Nashville, TN, USA

August 2025

International Indian Statistical Association  
Cochin, Kerala, India

December 2024

Joint Statistical Meetings  
Portland, OR, USA

August 2024

University of Notre Dame Statistics Department Seminar Notre Dame, IN, USA	February 2024
University of Wisconsin-Madison Statistics Department Seminar Madison, WI, USA	February 2024
University of Texas at Dallas Statistics Department Seminar Richardson, TX, USA	January 2024
Indian Statistical Institute ISRU Department Seminar Kolkata, West Bengal, India	July 2023
Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) Bangalore, Karnataka, India	July 2023
Neural Information Processing systems (NeurIPS) Virtual	December 2021
Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) Virtual	July 2020

## Teaching

### University of Notre Dame

Introduction to probability (ACMS 30530)	Fall 2024
Modern Machine Learning Techniques with Application (ACMS 80870)	Spring 2025

### Princeton University

Probability and stochastic systems (ORF 309/ENG 309/MAT 380)	Spring 2023
Statistical machine learning (ORF 570)	Fall 2023

## Honors and awards

INSPIRE Scholarship, Govt. of India	2012-2017
Indian National Mathematical Olympiad (INMO) merit certificate (For being among top 75 in the country)	2012

## Services

### Paper reviewer

Annals of Statistics (2)
IEEE Transactions on Information Theory (3)
IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (1)
Electronic Journal of Statistics (1)
Stat - an ISI Journal (1)
Algorithmic Learning Theory (3)

## **Organizational duties at conferences**

*Joint Statistical Meetings* August 2024  
*Session chair: New Advances in Nonparametric Hypothesis Testing - Part I*  
*Session chair: New Developments in Non-Euclidean Statistics*

*IEEE Conference on Information Sciences and Systems* March 2024  
*Session chair: Machine learning and statistical inference*

**Community Service: Teaching at Math Circle, Notre Dame** Spring 2025  
*Promoting STEM education among school children*

**Yale S&DS M.A. admission committee** 2021  
Reviewer: one of the committee members handling over  
150 applications and making admission recommendations

**Yale S&DS graduate reading group** 2020  
Co-organizer Scheduled talks and lead discussion sessions

**Yale Women in Data Science (WiDS) workshop** 2020  
Served as a mentor for Yale undergrad students participating  
in the WiDS Datathon Challenge 2020

**South Asian Graduate and Professional Association  
at Yale (SAGA)** 2018 – 2021  
Treasurer, core committee member and cultural committee head  
Objective: organizing socio-cultural events to promote diversity and inclusion at Yale