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Research Interests

Theoretical and algorithmic aspects of high-dimensional statistics, dependent data analysis, mixture modeling, fairness, sparse recovery, optimization methods.

Education

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| PhD. in Statistics and Data Science | 2017–2022 (expected) |
| Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA | |
| Thesis: Inference with dependent and independent data | |
| Advisor: Yihong Wu | |
| Master of Statistics (Hons.) (First class with Distinction) | 2015–2017 |
| Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal, India | |
| Specialization: Theoretical Statistics | |
| Dissertation: Characterization of single-integral non-kernel divergences | |
| Advisor: Ayanendranath Basu | |
| Bachelor of Statistics (Hons.) (First class with Distinction) | 2012–2015 |
| Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, West Bengal, India | |

In preparation

1. Soham Jana, Yury Polyanskiy, and Yihong Wu. **Regret optimality of minimum distance based empirical Bayes methods for the Poisson model.**

Publications and preprints (Authors lists that are not in alphabetical order denoted by “*”)

1. Soham Jana, Henry Li, Yutaro Yamada, and Ofir Lindenbaum. **Support recovery with Stochastic Gates: theory and application for linear models.** arXiv preprint arXiv: 2110.15960 (2021).
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.
4. 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.

Talks

Conference on learning theory (COLT)	2020
Neural information processing systems (NeurIPS)	2021

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

Graduate teaching assistance

Stochastic processes S&DS 351–551/EENG 434/ENAS 502 Instructor: Joseph Chang	Spring 2021
Information Theory S&DS 364–664/EENG 454 Instructor: Andrew Barron	Fall 2020
Probability Theory S&DS 241–541 Instructor: Winston Lin	Fall 2019
Advanced Probability S&DS 400–600/Math 600 Instructor: Sekhar Tatikonda	Spring 2019
Statistical Inference S&DS 410–610 Instructor: Zhou Fan	Fall 2018

Programming Languages

R, Python, C

Services

Yale S&DS M.A. admisssion committee Reviewer: One of the committee members handling over 150 applications and making admission recommendations	2021
Yale S&DS Graduate seminars Organizer: scheduling talks and leading discussions	2020
Yale South Asian Graduate and Professional Association (SAGA) Treasurer, core committee member and cultural committee head Objective: organizing socio-cultural events to promote diversity and inclusion at Yale	2018- 2021

References

Yihong Wu

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Statistics and Data Science
Yale University
New Haven, CT, USA

Yury Polyanskiy

Associate Professor
Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, MA, USA

Andrew Barron

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Ayanendranath Basu

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