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EDUCATION

PROGRAM	INSTITUTION	GPA	YEAR	RANK
M.S. & Ph.D. - Computational Science, Engineering & Mathematics	The University of Texas at Austin	3.76/4	2022	-
B.Tech (*Hons*) & M.Tech - Chemical Eng.	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	8.94/10	2017	2

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Applied Scientist, Amazon (Last Mile Science)**   *Project: Road network communities*   Aug 2022+
  - Built road network communities as a **new geospatial planning unit** for many applications using graph algorithms.

- **Graduate Research Assistant, UT Austin**   *Ph.D. Thesis: ML methods - network community detection* **[Paper]** 2018-22
  - Developed **Super.Complex**, an **Auto-ML pipeline** with **98% accuracy**, and a fast **RL method** for **NP-hard subgraph search**.

- **Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon (Last Mile Science)**   *Project: Route Planning*   Jun - Aug 2021
  - Accurately **forecasted productivity** of delivery routes using **AutoML**, and **selected features** to influence for improvements.

- **Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon (Brands Experience)**   *Project: Substitute Product Recommender*   Jun - Aug 2020
  - Built **product embeddings** using catalog **text** and performed **fast neighbor search** for substitute products with **99%** Recall.

- **Cloud Software Engineering Intern, Schlumberger**   *Project: Time-Series Operations*   Jun - Aug 2019
  - Developed a **Domain Specific Language** in **Scala** for custom calculations on **real-world time series data** on **Google Cloud**.

- **Graduate Assistant, IITM**   *Master's Thesis: Human bio-chemical reaction network analysis in autism* **[Paper]**   2016-17
  - Developed **two pareto-optimization algorithms** and **two metrics** for optimal reaction **network flow distribution**.

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

- 6 papers including 3 peer-reviewed journal papers, 8 conferences, with 22 citations and h-index 3. [**Google Scholar**]
- **5min Talk:** "**Super.Complex**: **ML pipeline** for community detection in networks", *TACCSTER Symposium* (2019)

SKILLS

- **Coding: Python** (scikit-learn, nltk, networkx, pandas, pyspark, faiss), **C++** (MASA, PETSc), **R** (tidyverse), **Matlab** (Statistics & ML, Optimization, ODE Solvers), **Scala**, **Latex**, **Linux** & **HPC**. **Exposure:** C, Java, C#, Docker, autotools, CI, lcov. **[Github]**
- **Courses:** RL, Bayesian Deep Learning, Pattern Recognition, Graph Theory and ML, Statistical Models for Big Data, NLP

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- **AutoML image clustering with similarity graph embeddings [Code]**   *(DL, CV & Graph ML)*   Jan-May 2022
  - **Combined image and similarity graph embeddings** of 2D projections and clustered them into 3D objects (**97% accuracy**).

- **Hyperspectral image denoising & classification [Code]** *(Statistical Methods in Scientific Computing)* Mar-May 2018
  - Applied a framework with **one-against-one and one-against-all SVMs** for **multi-class** classification with **90% accuracy**.

- **Implementation of ML algorithms for image & speech classification [Code]** *(Pattern Recognition)* Aug-Dec 2016
  - Built **neural networks, GMM, HMM, Bayes, k-means and k-nn classifiers** for speaker identification and image recognition.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Founder, Literary Fest 'Saahitya'**   *(a self-driven initiative, commended by the Director, Dean and Alumni)*   (Feb - Apr 2016)
  - Formed and lead a **team of 60** across 6 divisions to **organize a literary festival with 30 events** and a **footfall of 1000** in IITM.

VR	Designed **spatial augmented reality** at Envisage, India's largest student tech show (**2000+ people**)
Coding	**Windows App(C#): Wardrobe Assistant- outfit suggestions** *2016 Microsoft-24hr Code.Fun.Do Hackathon*
Robotics	Coded locomotion for **autonomous transwheel** robot 2013 **Asia-Pacific Robot Contest (Robocon)**

AWARDS & HONORS

- **Two-time Professional Development Award** and **Best Poster** Award at **SIAM** TX-LA **Conference**.   2018-20
- **O'Donnell Fellowship** and **General ISSS Financial Aid Award** by UT Austin towards research.   2017-19
- **KVPY Fellowship** (**Dept. of Science and Technology, India**) and **C.A. Sastri Endowment Award** (IITM) 2012-17