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EDUCATION			
Institution	GPA	YEAR	RANK
The University of Texas at Austin	3.76/4	2022	-
Indian Institute of Technology Madras	8.94/10	2017	2
Vidyadham Junior College, Hyderabad	97.5%	2012	1
Johnson Grammar School (ICSE)	95%	2010	1
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RESEARCH PROJECTS (ML, HPC & OPTIMIZATION)

- ML techniques for community detection in networks using known information (Ph.D. Thesis) Jun 2018-present
 - Developed Super.Complex Auto-ML pipeline (98% accuracy). Formulating deep RL algo for NP-hard subgraph search.
- Hyperspectral image denoising & classification (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 data classification (Pattern Recognition) Aug-Dec 2016
 - Coded from scratch and compared-neural networks (MLP), GMM, HMM, Bayes, k-means and k-nn classifiers.
- 2D Heat eqn. finite difference solver application in C++ (Tools in computational science) Aug-Dec 2018
 - Features: performance 0.4s (100x100 mesh), tests (bats, Travis CI & Docker), 100% code coverage (lcov), storage (HDF5).
- Human bio-chemical reaction network analysis for treating autism (Master's Thesis) Jun 2016-May 2017
 - Developed 2 constrained pareto-optimization algorithms and 2 metrics for optimal reaction network flow distribution.
- Design of microfluidic networks performing floating point operations (Systems & Control) Jul 2015-Jun 2016
 - Employed genetic algorithms, MINLP to design optimal micro-fluidic networks for combinatorial sequence sorting.

SELECT CONFERENCES (GOOGLE SCHOLAR)

- Talk, "Intelligent subgraph search for communities with deep reinforcement learning", SIAM MDS (2020)
- Talk, "Super.Complex: An ML pipeline for community detection in networks", TACCSTER Symposium (2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Applied Scientist II Intern, Amazon Project: Substitute Product Recommender Jun Aug 2020
 - Built product embedding space based on catalog text info & performed nearest neighbor search for substitutes (0.99 Recall).
- Cloud Software Engineering Intern, Schlumberger Project: Time-Series Operations Jun Aug 2019
 - Deployed on Google Cloud a Domain Specific Language in Scala, for custom calculations with real time-series data.

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 (at TACC), Github. Exposure: autotools, C, Java, C#, Arduino
- Courses: Reinforcement Learning, Bayesian Deep Learning, Pattern Recognition, Graph Theory, Stat. Models for Big Data

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

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

AWARDS & HONORS

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