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EDUCATION					
Program	Institution	GPA	YEAR	Rank	
M.S. & Ph.D Computational Science,	The University of Texas at Austin	3.76/4	2022	-	
Engineering & Mathematics					
B.Tech (<i>Hons</i>) & M.Tech - Chemical Eng.	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	8.94/10	2017	2	
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- 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 25 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, igraph, dgl, stellargraph, pandas, geopandas, pyspark, faiss, pytorch, tensorflow), C++, R, Matlab, SQL, Scala, Latex, Linux, HPC, AWS. Exposure: Google Cloud, 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	ndows App(C#): Wardrobe Assistant- outfit suggestions 2016 Microsoft-24hr Code.Fun.Do Hackath		
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