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RESEARCH INTERESTS THAT I WAS NOT SMART ENOUGH TO EXPLORE

Human cognition

EDUCATION

Sadly I did not apply to the higher ranked schools at Masters or Ph.D. Pretty sure would've been rejected from a lot of places even if I applied.

JOB

- **Summer Research Internship, Google** 2019 -
Failed the interview over phone.
- **Deep Learning Engineer, Gaze Technology** 2018 -
The coding test went well. Did the interview. But didn't hear back from them. So this counts as a rejection.
- **Management Trainee, Pathao** 2018 -
Funny story. Went there thinking they were taking exam for the data analyst position. I was excited about just the thought of working at a company like Pathao where I could do a lot of things with data and make visible impact. But after going there, I surprisingly found out it was an interview for the management trainee position (I should give more attention to emails). Funny thing is I passed the first two rounds, and obviously failed the third round.
- **Research Assistant, BUET** 2018 -
There was a well paid research assistant position open at my department after my graduation for a government funded project. I applied, attended the interview, and they did not take me.

COURSES

- **BSc:** Electronics I (C+), Solid State Devices (C+), VLSI I (C+), Energy Conversion II (B-), Power System I

PUBLICATIONS

- **IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)** 2020
Got rejected. I thank God every night for the rejection. It was a shit paper.
- **IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security** 2018 - 2019
Rejected thrice from this journal for two different papers.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Vanier Scholarship** 2021
I couldn't believe seeing the rejection. Was sad for almost one whole hour.
- **Ontario Graduate Scholarships** 2020
Rejected. I assumed the system was rigged.
- **IEEE Signal Processing Cup 2018** 2018
We worked hard and were close. Had to be in top 3 (among undergrad teams) but ended up at 4th position. A scandalous thing happened too. We were at 23rd position in the accompanying kaggle competition leaderboard. But we got removed from the leaderboard as everyone from our team had their own account, submitting their own predictions. There was a limit of 5 predictions in a day from a team.
- **Math, Science, and Physics Olympiad** 2009-2013

Never got the chance to be in the national team of these Olympiads to participate at international level.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Vice President of Academic Affairs, GSS UBC** 2021
Got only 1 vote out of 15 voters.
- **Online Courses:** 2019-
I have around 20 courses I need to do but not doing for some weird reason.