

# NASHEED JAFRI

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Mathematics (Ph.D. Minor in Data Science)	<b>GPA : 3.98</b>
M.S. Applied Statistics	<b>GPA : 4.00</b>
<i>Indiana University, Bloomington, IN</i>	2020 - 2026
M.S. Mathematics	<b>GPA : 3.70</b>
<i>Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India</i>	2018 - 2020
B.S. Mathematics (Honors)	<b>GPA : 3.82</b>
<i>University of Delhi, India</i>	2014 - 2017

## PROJECTS

### Home Credit Loan Default Prediction

[\[Link\]](#) [\[GitHub\]](#)

- Collaborated with a team of data scientists to predict loan defaults for Home Credit using Machine Learning techniques in Python, achieving 92% test accuracy with XGBoost.
- Conducted EDA, handled missing values, performed correlation analysis and feature engineering.
- Built and optimized models (Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost, SVC and MLP neural networks) using PCA and ensemble methods like voting and stacking.

### Approximate Bayesian Computation for Disease Outbreak

[\[Link\]](#) [\[GitHub\]](#)

- Implemented Approximate Bayesian Computation in R to fit an epidemic model for influenza outbreaks.
- Created custom functions for parameter sampling, data simulation, and ABC rejection sampler algorithm.
- Performed model comparisons by estimating posterior probabilities to analyze variations in infection transmission rates across outbreaks of the same strain and different strains of the virus.

## EXPERIENCE

*University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign, IL* 2023 - 2024

### Data Science Trainee (Internship Network in Mathematical Sciences)

- Completed training workshops on Python, Statistics and Machine Learning.
- Analyzed housing data from Redfin, applied linear regression to predict house prices across different cities.
- Performed EDA, hypothesis testing, and employed forward, backward, and stepwise model selection techniques to predict wine quality based on physicochemical attributes from the Vinho Verde wine dataset.

*Indiana University, Bloomington, IN* 2021 - 2026

### Associate Instructor in Linear Algebra for Data Science

- Mentored students in key subjects including vector spaces, matrix operations, eigenvalues, least squares, singular value decomposition (SVD), and principal component analysis (PCA).
- Planned engaging weekly group learning activities within the class setting.

### Assistant Instructor in Probability and Statistics for Data Science

- Developed curriculum to apply data analysis to real-world problems in social and natural sciences.
- Taught conditional probability, random variables, distributions, statistical inference and hypothesis testing.

### REU Mentor

- Mentored a group of undergrad students in a graduate-level research project on Fourier Transform.

### Research

- Conducting research in Functional Analysis with a focus on Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory, specifically studying the uniqueness of invariant subspaces for a class of nilpotent matrices.
- Exploring applications of combinatorics to matrix theory via structures called puzzles and honeycombs.

## SKILLS

**Mathematics:** Probability, Statistics, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Numerical Analysis, Graph Theory, Functional Analysis, Fourier Analysis, Econometrics, Markov Chains, Monte Carlo Simulations, Combinatorics

**Data Science:** Data Exploration, Linear Models, Inference, Regression, Classification, Predictive Models, Machine Learning Algorithms, Principal Component Analysis, Statistical Computing, Bayesian Inference

**Programming:** R, SQL, Python - Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch; Git Version Control