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CAREER PROFILE

I am a research fellow at the School of Mathematics and Computer Science, Indian Institute of Technology Goa. My research interests lie at the intersection of automata theory and formal verification. During my PhD, I have focused on the equivalence and learning of one-counter systems.

■ Publications

• Scalable Learning of One-Counter Automata via State-Merging Algorithms [arXiv Link]

FSTTCS 2025 (to appear)

• Learning Deterministic One-Counter Automata in Polynomial Time [arXiv Link]

Co-authors: Dr. Shibashis Guha, Dr. Anirban Majumdar, Dr. Sreejith A.V.

Mar 7, 2025

Sep 8, 2025

Co-authors: Dr. Vincent Penelle, Dr. Sreejith A.V.

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LICS 2025 (to appear)

• Learning Real-time One-Counter Automata Using Polynomially Many Queries [Link]

• Equivalence of Deterministic Weighted Real-time One-Counter Automata [Link]

TACAS 2025 Feb 3, 2025

May 1, 2025

Co-authors: Dr. Vincent Penelle, Dr. Prakash Saivasan, Dr. Sreejith A.V.

ICLA 2025

• Weighted One-Deterministic-Counter Automata [Link]

Co-authors: Dr. Vincent Penelle, Dr. Prakash Saivasan, Dr. Sreejith A.V.

December 12, 2023 FSTTCS 2023

• CAP: A Cellular Automata Based Fuzzy Classifier [Link]
Co-authors: Dr. Abdul Nizar M

February 26, 2022
Materials Today Proceedings

• Optical Music Recognition Using Image Processing and Machine Learning Link

August 11, 2018

Co-authors: Rahul Vijayakumar, Aju Tom Kuriakose, Jesmy Sunny, Dr. Ramani Bai V

IJCSE 2018

• Survey on Fuzzy Logic & Fuzzy Classifiers Based on Continuous Cellular Automata Co-authors: Dr. Abdul Nizar M

August 20, 2016

NCTT 2016

EXPERIENCE

• Indian Institute of Technology Goa Junior Research Fellow

January 2025 to October 2025 January 2024 to July 2024

• Tata Elxsi, Trivandrum

February 2018 to December 2018

Senior Engineer

February 2018 to December 2018 January 2017 to January 2018

 $\bullet \ Central \ Polytechnic \ College, \ Trivandrum$

June 2016 to October 2016

Guest Lecturer

● IMPORTANT TALKS

• Learning Deterministic One-Counter Automata, RP 2025	October 2, 2025
\bullet Learning Deterministic One-Counter Automata in Polynomial Time, LICS 2025	June 24, 2025
• Learning Real-Time One-Counter Automata Using Polynomially Many Queries, TACAS 2025 [Talk]	May 6, 2025
• Weighted One-Deterministic-Counter Automata (Lightning Talk), ACM ARCS 2025	Feb 27, 2025
\bullet Equivalence of Deterministic Weighted Real-time One-Counter Automata, ICLA 2025	Feb 3, 2025
• Learning Real-Time One-Counter Automata Using Polynomially Many Queries, RHPL 2024 [Talk]	Dec 18, 2024
• Learning one-counter automata using SAT solver, Highlights 2024 [Talk]	Sep 19, 2024
• Weighted one deterministic-counter automata, FSTTCS 2023 [Talk]	July 2023
• One deterministic-counter automata, Highlights 2023 [Talk]	July 2023
• Weighted one-deterministic-counter automata, FM Update Meeting 2023 [Talk]	June 2023

♦ OTHER TALKS

• Learning Deterministic One-Counter Automata in Polynomial Time, IIT Bombay	July 18, 2025
• Learning Real-Time One-Counter Automata Using Polynomially Many Queries,	April 4, 2025
TIFR Mumbai	

- Learning One-Counter Automata Using SAT Solver, Université Libre de Bruxelles, September 10, 2024 Belgium
- Learning One-Counter Automata Using SAT Solver, Université de Mons, Belgium September 9, 2024
- Learning One-Counter Automata Using SAT Solver, RWTH Aachen University, September 6, 2024 Germany
- CAP: A cellular automata-based fuzzy classifier, AIES 2021

 $December\ 2021$

• Optical music recognition using image processing and machine learning, IJCSE 2018

August 2018

⚠ AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

• Received grant from Google for our work on learning one-counter automata	May 2025
\bullet Received ACM/IARCS travel grant for attending LICS 2025	May 2025
\bullet Selected for scholarship for the Logic Mentoring Workshop at LICS 2025	$April\ 2025$
• Successfully defended my Ph.D. dissertation titled "Learning and Equivalence of one-counter systems"	$April,\ 2025$
\bullet Awarded with the ETAPS 2025 scholarship for participating in TACAS 2025	April 2025
\bullet Awarded with the ACM/IARCS travel grant for attending TACAS 2025	$April\ 2025$
\bullet Received travel grant from ACM India for attending ARCS 2025	March 2025
\bullet Received invitation from ACM India to present our work at ARCS 2025	December 2024
• Received grants from RWTH Aachen University, Germany and University of Antwerp, Belgium for research visits	September 2024

★ RESEARCH VISITS

• Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, India

July 16 to July 22, 2025

• Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, India

March 24 to April 4, 2025

• University of Antwerp, Belgium

Sep 9 to 13, 2024

• RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Sep 4 to 6, 2024

• The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, HBNI, India

June 1 to 30, 2022

♥ TEACHING ASSISTANCE

• Introduction to Computing

Spring 2020 - 21, Autumn 2023 - 24

• Randomised Algorithms

 $Spring\ 2022-23$

• Software Tools

 $Spring \ 2022 - 23$

• Data Structures and Algorithms

 $Autumn\ 2022-23,\ Summer\ 2022,\ Autumn\ 2021-22,\ Autumn\ 2020-21$

• Automata Theory

Spring 2020 - 21, Spring 2018 - 19

• Logic in Computer Science

 $Autumn\ 2019-20$

• Advanced Algorithms

Spring 2018 - 19

EDUCATION

Class 12

• Indian Institute of Technology Goa

January 2019 to December 2024

Ph.D. in Theoretical Computer Science

CPI: 8.45

-Chennai Mathematical Institute, Tamil Nadu

Ph.D. Coursework

• College of Engineering Trivandrum, Kerala

M. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering

 $August\ 2014\ to\ April\ 2016$

January 2020 to April 2020

M. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering

CGPA: 9.11

July 2010 to April 2014

• Saintgits Engineering College, Kerala B. Tech in Computer Science and Engineering

CGPA: 7.62

• Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Kottayam, Kerala

2008 to 2010

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Aggregate: 86.36 %

Class 10

2007 to 2008 CGPA: **10/10**

& OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Reviewed NPTEL transcripts for the course "Theory of Computation" by Prof. Somenath Biswas
- Sub-reviewer for the International Conference on Concurrency Theory (CONCUR), 2023
- Volunteered and contributed towards the successful organisation of FSTTCS 2021 and FSTTCS 2022
- Volunteered in organising FM Update Meeting 2023
- Successfully cleared the UGC NET examination and have met the eligibility criteria for lectureship
- Member of the evaluation team for the national level technical project exhibition SRISHTI 2025
- Passed BEC vantage conducted by University of Cambridge
- Passed grade 5 vocals with merit conducted by Trinity College London
- Passed grade 3 piano with merit conducted by Trinity College London
- Earned the "Rashtrapathi Scout" award

• MinOCA

Jan 2024 to December 2024

A tool for active learning of one-counter automata using polynomially many queries

- Tools & technologies used: Python
- This tool is associated with our paper "Learning Real-Time One-Counter Automata Using Polynomially Many Queries" that appeared in TACAS 2025.

Code: zenodo.org/records/14604419

• MoES - River Width Extraction Project

February 2018 to December 2018

Web application for MoES for calculating river water discharge from satellite images.

- Tools & technologies used: Python, Django
- This work was done as a part of a joint project with Dr. Sreejith A.V (IIT Goa) and Dr. Gaurav Kumar (IISER Bhopal).

• Skill Center - Tata Elxsi

January 2017 - February 2018

Web application to manage employee profiles of Tata Elxsi.

- Tools & technologies used: C#, MVC, .NET
- The application manages skills, project allocation, training, funnel management, performance evaluations, and resume creation. It helps assign projects based on employee skills, plan and track training, search for employees, assess performance, and create resumes.

• Fuzzy Classifier using Continuous Cellular Automata [Report][Code]

June 2015 - September 2016

Continuous cellular automata-based fuzzy classifier in Java using Weka.

- Tools & technologies used: Java, Weka
- Project done as part of Masters degree thesis.

• Open Image Transcriptor [Report] [Code]

June 2013 - June 2014

Image processing tool to recognise musical notes from sheet music and convert it into a MIDI file.

- Tools & technologies used: Java, Python
- Project done as part of Undergraduate project.