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VISA STATUS Post-Graduate Work Permit. Currently residing in Waterloo, Ontario.

EMPLOYMENT **Universiteit van Amsterdam** October 2019 - present
Post-doctoral Researcher
Hosted by Prof. Max Welling

Principal Researcher January 2020 - present
Trajectory Prediction and Logic Circuit Optimization
Contract work for Huawei Technologies, Canada.

EDUCATION **University of Waterloo** September 2015 - December 2019
Ph.D. in Computer Science
Advised by Prof. Pascal Poupart & Yaoliang Yu
GPA : 91.50%

Indian Institute Of Technology, Kanpur (IIT Kanpur) July 2010 - June 2015
Bachelor's and M.Sc.(Integrated) in Mathematics and Statistics
GPA : 8.4/10

PUBLICATIONS **Journal Articles**

- **Accuracy Maximization Analysis for Natural Tasks and Principles of Multiplicative Noise and Filter Correlation in Neural Coding**
Johannes Burge and *Priyank Jaini*
Public Library of Science, Computational Biology (PLoS CompBio), 2017, [[Link to paper](#)]
- **Accuracy Maximization Analysis with Class-conditional Gaussians : Linking Normative and Descriptive Quadratic Models of Neural Response**
Priyank Jaini and Johannes Burge
Journal of Vision (JoV), 2017, [[Link to paper](#)]
- **Learning Directed Acyclic Graph SPNs in Sub-Quadratic Time**
Amur Ghose, *Priyank Jaini* and Pascal Poupart
International Journal of Approximate Reasoning (IJAR), 2020, [[Link to paper](#)]
- **A Positivstellensatz for Conditional SAGE Signomials**
Allen Wang, *Priyank Jaini*, Pascal Poupart, and Yaoliang Yu
under review at SIAM Algebraic Geometry, [[Link to paper](#)]

Conference & Workshop Papers (Refereed and Archived)

- **Learning Equivariant Energy Based Models with Equivariant Stein Variational Gradient Descent**
Priyank Jaini, Lars Holdijk and, Max Welling
under submission
- **Self-Normalizing Flows**
Andy Keller, Jorn Peters, *Priyank Jaini*, Emiel Hoogetboom, Patrick Forre and, Max Welling
International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML), 2021, [[Link](#)]
Beyond Backprop workshop, NeurIPS, 2020, **preliminary version*
- **Sampling in Combinatorial Spaces with SurVAE Flow Augmented MCMC**
Priyank Jaini, Didrik Nielsen, and Max Welling
International Conference of Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2021, [[Link](#)]

- **SurVAE Flows: Surjections to Bridge the Gap between VAEs and Flows**
Didrik Nielsen, *Priyank Jaini*, Emiel Hooeboom, Ole Winther and Max Welling
Long Oral Neural Information and Processing Systems, (NeurIPS) 2020, [\[Link\]](#)
- **Argmax Flows and Multinomial Diffusion: Towards Non-Autoregressive Language Models**
Emiel Hooeboom, Didrik Nielsen, *Priyank Jaini*, Patrick Forre and Max Welling
Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference, AABI 2020, **preliminary version*
- **Tails of Lipschitz Triangular Flows**
Priyank Jaini, Ivan Kobyzev, Marcus Brubaker and Yaoliang Yu
International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML), 2020, [\[Link\]](#)
- **Sum-of-Squares Polynomial Flows**
Priyank Jaini, Kira Selby and Yaoliang Yu
Long Oral, International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML), 2019 [\[Link\]](#)
- **Deep Homogeneous Mixture Models : Representation, Separation, and Approximation**
Priyank Jaini, Pascal Poupart and Yaoliang Yu
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2018, [\[Link\]](#)
- **Online Bayesian Transfer Learning for Sequential Data Modeling**
Priyank Jaini, Zhitang Chen, Pabla Carbajal*, Edith Law*, Laura Middleton*, Kayla Regan*, Mike Schaeckermann*, James Tung* and Pascal Poupart
5th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2017, [\[Link\]](#)
**helped with data collection*
- **Prometheus:Directly Learning Acyclic Directed Graph Structures for Sum-Product Networks**
Priyank Jaini, Amur Ghosh and Pascal Poupart
Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM), 2018, [\[Link\]](#)
- **Depth Efficiency of Deep Mixture Models and Sum-Product Networks using Tensor Analysis**
Priyank Jaini, Pascal Poupart, and Yaoliang Yu
Workshop on Deep Learning Theory, International Conference of Machine Learning, (ICML) 2018
[\[Link\]](#)
- **Online and Distributed Learning of Gaussian Mixture Models by Bayesian Moment Matching**
Priyank Jaini and Pascal Poupart
Workshop on Approximate Bayesian Inference, Neural Information and Processing (NIPS) 2017 [\[Link\]](#)
- **Linking Normative Models and Methods for Neural Systems Identification**
Priyank Jaini and Johannes Burge
Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE), 2017 (poster presentation), [\[Link\]](#)
- **Online Algorithms for Sum-Product Networks with Continuous Variables**
Priyank Jaini, Abdullah Rashwan, Han Zhao, Yue Liu, E. Banijamali, Chen Zhitang and Pascal Poupart
8th International Conference on Probabilistic Graphical Models (2016), [\[Link\]](#)
- **Online Flow Size Prediction for Improved Network Routing**
Pascal Poupart, Zhitang Chen, *Priyank Jaini*, Yanhui Geng, Li Chen, Kai Chen and Hao Jin
IEEE ICNP Workshop on Machine Learning in Computer Networks (NetworkML 2016) [\[Link\]](#)

AWARDS

- Top Reviewer Award, ICML 2020.
- Doctoral Dissertation Award, Faculty of Math, University of Waterloo, 2020
- Huawei Graduate Scholarship in Artificial Intelligence (\$10,000), 2019
- Borealis AI Graduate Fellowship (\$10,000), 2019
- MITACS Accelerate Graduate Research Grant (\$10,000), January 2019
- Winner (\$20,000 prize money), Waterloo-Citadel Datathon 2018
- Cheriton Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000 per year), University of Waterloo, 2017-2019
- Huawei Noah's Ark Lab Distinguished Collaborator Award, 2016
- Graduate Excellence Award (\$5,000), University of Waterloo, 2016
- Vector Research Grants, (\$ 6,000 per year), 2018-2020
- Travel Award (US \$1,250), International Conference on Learning Representations, 2017
- Travel Award (US \$2,500), International Conference of Machine Learning, 2018
- Travel Award (US \$1,000), International Conference of Machine Learning, 2019

- Accepted at the Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning summer school 2018, Vector Institute and CIFAR, Toronto (250 selected out of over 1200 applicants)
- Accepted at the Machine Learning Summer School 2017, Germany (110 selected out of 752 applicants)

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| INTERNSHIPS | Borealis AI, Canada January 2019 - October 2019 Research Intern Advised by Dr. Marcus Brubaker and Dr. Yaoliang Yu Developed theoretical results for normalizing flows with varying tail properties. |
| | University of Pennsylvania, USA June 2015 - July 2015 Research Assistant, Neuroscience Graduate Group Advised by Dr. Johannes Burge Developed mathematical tools enabling characterization of task-relevant properties of natural stimuli. |
| | University of Waterloo, Canada May 2014 - July 2014 Research Assistant, Artificial Intelligence Lab Advised by Dr. Pascal Poupart Developed tractable online Bayesian algorithm for parameter estimation of Gaussian Mixture Models. |
| | Kyoto University, Japan May 2013 - July 2013 Research Assistant, Department of Systems Science and Informatics Advised by Dr. Shin-Ichi Maeda Developed probabilistic method for fast and robust recognition of QR codes. |
| SUPERVISION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasileios Charatsidis, <i>Unsupervised Image Classification and Hashing with Binary Representations</i>, Masters, University of Amsterdam |
| REFERENCES | Dr. Max Welling Professor Institute of Informatics University of Amsterdam, Netherlands E-mail: m.welling@uva.nl |
| | Dr. Pascal Poupart Professor David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science University of Waterloo, Canada Phone: +1 (519) 888-4567 x 36239 E-mail: ppoupart@uwaterloo.ca |
| | Dr. Yaoliang Yu Assistant Professor David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science University of Waterloo, Canada Phone: +1 (519) 888-4567 x 34469 E-mail: yaoliang.yu@uwaterloo.ca |
| | Dr. Johannes Burge Assistant Professor Neuroscience Graduate Group, Department of Psychology University of Pennsylvania, United States of America Phone: +1 (215) 573-6528 E-mail: jburge@psych.upenn.edu |
| | Dr. Marcus Brubaker Research Director and Assistant Professor Borealis AI and York University Canada E-mail: mab@eecs.yorku.ca |
| VOLUNTARY WORK | Mentor, Inclusion and Diversity Association, University of Amsterdam January 2020 - 2021 |
| | Assistant Coordinator, Institute Counselling Service, IIT Kanpur January 2012 - May 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackled stigma related to counseling via personal interactions with over 500 students • Extended academic mentoring system to help sophomores resulting in 16% decline in probation • Personally mentored 3 students out of academic probation with avg. increase in GPA by 1.8 • Pioneered a sensitization campaign on suicides for over 3,000 students on Suicide Prevention Day |

- Collaborated with Govt. of India to draft guidelines to set up student support services in 32 Centrally Funded Technical Institutes

Society of People for Development, India

May 2011 - July 2011

- Conducted surveys among rural people for Govt. of Uttarakhand to gauge their dependency on forests
- Used GPS to map villages across 3 districts for better monitoring and protection of forest resources

EXTRA
CURRICULAR
ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chief Editor, Vox Populi, Campus Newsletter, IIT Kanpur
- Coordinator, English Literary Society, IIT Kanpur
- Senator, Students' Senate, IIT Kanpur