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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sublinear Algorithms for large scale data, Computational Linear Algebra, Machine Learning, Optimization

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2020-Current

Ph.D. in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0/4.0

- Advisor: Prof. Cameron Musco

Indian Statistical Institute

2015-2017

Master of Technology in Computer Science, Final Aggregate: 85.90 % (First Class with Distinction)

Jadavpur University

2009 - 2013

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 7.86/10.00 (First Class)

Publications and Preprints

(*): alphabetical ordering

- 1. Sublinear Time Eigenvalue Approximation via Random Sampling. (*) Rajarshi Bhattacharjee, Cameron Musco and Archan Ray. 2021. Preprint at [arxiv]
- 2. Fundamental Limits on the Regret of Online Network-Caching. Rajarshi Bhattacharjee, Subhankar Banerjee and Abhishek Sinha. Proceedings of the ACM on the Measurement and Analysis of Computing Systems, Vol 4, No. 2, Article 25, 2020. Also published at ACM SIGMETRICS 2020 [PDF]
- 3. Optimizing the Age-of-Information for Mobile Users in Adversarial and Stochastic Environments. Abhishek Sinha and Rajarshi Bhattacharjee. *Under submission at IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, 2020. [arxiv]
- 4. Fundamental limits of age-of-information in stationary and non-stationary environments. Subhankar Banerjee, Rajarshi Bhattacharjee and Abhishek Sinha. In 2020 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), 2020. [arxiv]
- 5. Competitive algorithms for minimizing the maximum age-of-information. Rajarshi Bhattacharjee and Abhishek Sinha. Workshop on MAthematical performance Modeling and Analysis (MAMA), ACM SIGMETRICS 2020. [PDF]
- Online Algorithms for Multiclass Classification Using Partial Labels. Rajarshi Bhattacharjee and Naresh Manwani. Proceedings of the Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD), 2020. [arxiv]

Research Experience

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, MA

Graduate Research Assistant

Fall 2020-Current

 Working on estimating the eigenspectrum of a symmetric matrix in sublinear time by sampling random submatrices.

- Worked on finding the lower bound of the number of entries to be sampled by any algorithm for estimating the second eigenvalue of a kernel matrix.
- Area: Randomized Linear Algebra, Data science, Fine-grained complexity

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras

Project Associate under Prof. Abhishek Sinha

Chennai, India July 2019–August 2020

- Worked on the problem of optimal caching of files in a network from the point of view of online learning (specifically online linear optimization over a simplex). We derived tight non-asymptotic regret lower bounds for this problem showing that online gradient decent is close to optimal for this problem.
- Worked on the problem of minimizing the age-of-information (AoI) for users in a communication network. Proposed policies with a small *competitive ratio* for minimizing AoI in an online setting.
- Area: Online Convex Optimization, Machine Learning, Age-of-information of Communication networks

Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Hyderabad

Hyderabad, India February 2018–May 2019

Research Assistant under Prof. Naresh Manwani

 Worked on online learning algorithms based on perceptron and pegasos for the weakly supervised setting of learning with partial labels. Derived mistake bounds and regret bounds for the algorithms.

- Area: Online learning, Optimization

Professional Experience

Deloitte Consulting India Private Limited

Hyderabad, India

Business Analyst/Data Scientist

August 2017–December 2017

- Worked in the Data Science division involved in providing machine learning based solutions to clients

PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited

Chennai, India

Consultant

September 2013-July 2015

 Work involved development of software modules using Java, Oracle ADF and PLSQ for clients after understanding requirement.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Awarded Sudha and Rajesh Jha Scholarship at UMass Amherst. (awarded to one student every year)
- Rashi Ray Memorial Medal for standing First in the order of merit in M.Tech. Computer Science at Indian Statistical Institute
- Awarded Dean's Fellowship along with admission to the PhD program in Electrical and Systems Engineering at Boston University. (declined offer)

SERVICE

- Helped Prof. Abhishek Sinha review papers for IEEE Transactions on Networking
- Helped Prof. Naresh Manwani review papers for IJCAI, IJCNN

Relevant Coursework

Programming Languages

Advanced Algorithms, Optimization, Machine Learning, Probabilistic Graphical Models Python, C, Java, Matlab