

# RISHABH RANJAN

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## EDUCATION

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science

2023 – present

Stanford University, co-advised by Prof. Jure Leskovec and Prof. Carlos Guestrin

CGPA 3.99/4

Relevant courses: *Language Models from Scratch*, *Mining Massive Datasets*, *Machine Learning with Graphs*

### Visiting Research Scholar

2022 – 2023

Carnegie Mellon University, hosted by Prof. Zachary Lipton

Relevant courses: *Philosophical Foundations of Machine Intelligence*

### Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in Computer Science and Engineering

2018 – 2022

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

CGPA 9.90/10, **Institute Rank 1**

Relevant courses: *Deep Learning*, *Natural Language Processing*, *Machine Learning*, *Artificial Intelligence*, *Data Mining*, *Linear Algebra*, *Probability and Stochastic Processes*, *Calculus*, *Language and Writing Skill*

## AWARDS

- **Amazon Core AI Fellowship** for 2 academic years, by nomination. 2025
- **Certificate of Achievement** for a top leaderboard position in the course “Language Models from Scratch”. 2024
- **School of Engineering Fellowship**, awarded to select first-year PhD students at Stanford. 2023
- **President’s Gold Medal** for highest CGPA in the graduating batch at IIT Delhi. 2022
- **Best Undergraduate Thesis Award** in Computer Science at IIT Delhi. 2022
- All India Rank **154** in **Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced)** among 200,000+ qualified candidates. 2018
- **Certificate of Merit** for excellent performance in the **Indian National Mathematical Olympiad**. 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

(\* denotes equal contribution)

1. Vignesh Kothapalli, Rishabh Ranjan, Valter Hudovernik, Vijay Prakash Dwivedi, Johannes Hoffart, Carlos Guestrin, Jure Leskovec. **PluRel: Synthetic Data unlocks Scaling Laws for Relational Foundation Models**. Under review (2026). (paper)
2. Justin Gu, Rishabh Ranjan, Charilaos Kanatsoulis, Haiming Tang, Martin Jurkovic, Valter Hudovernik, Mark Znidar, Pranshu Chaturvedi, Parth Shroff, Fengyu Li, Jure Leskovec. **RelBench v2: A Large-Scale Benchmark and Repository for Relational Data**. Under review (2026). (paper)
3. Rishabh Ranjan, Valter Hudovernik, Mark Znidar, Charilaos Kanatsoulis, Roshan Reddy Upendra, Mahmoud Mohammadi, Joe Meyer, Tom Palczewski, Carlos Guestrin, Jure Leskovec. **Relational Transformer: Toward Zero-Shot Foundation Models for Relational Data**. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2026*. Early version: *AI for Tabular Data (AI4TD) Workshop at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2025* (awarded **Oral**). (paper)
4. Rishabh Ranjan, Saurabh Garg, Mrigank Raman, Carlos Guestrin, Zachary Lipton. **Post-Hoc Reversal: Are We Selecting Models Prematurely?** *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2024*. (paper)
5. Rishabh Ranjan\*, Joshua Robinson\*, Weihua Hu\*, Kexin Huang\*, Jiaqi Han, Alejandro Dobles, Matthias Fey, Jan E. Lenssen, Yiwen Yuan, Zecheng Zhang, Xinwei He, Jure Leskovec. **RelBench: A Benchmark for Deep Learning on Relational Databases**. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2024*. (paper)
6. Matthias Fey\*, Weihua Hu\*, Kexin Huang\*, Jan Eric Lenssen\*, Rishabh Ranjan\*, Joshua Robinson\*, Rex Ying, Jiaxuan You, and Jure Leskovec. **Position: Relational Deep Learning - Graph Representation Learning on Relational Databases**. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024*. (paper)
7. Yatin Nandwani\*, Rishabh Ranjan\*, Mausam, and Parag Singla. **A solver-free framework for scalable learning in neural ILP architectures**. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022*. (paper)
8. Rishabh Ranjan, Siddharth Grover, Sourav Medya, Venkatesan Chakaravarthy, Yogish Sabharwal, and Sayan Ranu. **GREED: A neural framework for learning graph distance functions**. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022*. (paper)
9. Rishabh Ranjan, Ishita Agrawal, and Subodh Sharma. **Exploiting epochs and symmetries in analysing MPI programs**. *International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2022*. (paper)

