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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.
2. 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**. Under review. Early version: *AI for Tabular Data (AI4TD) Workshop at Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2025* (awarded **Oral**).
3. Rishabh Ranjan, Saurabh Garg, Mrigank Raman, Carlos Guestrin, Zachary Lipton. **Post-Hoc Reversal: Are We Selecting Models Prematurely?** *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2024*.
4. 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*.
5. 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*.
6. 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*.
7. 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*.
8. Rishabh Ranjan, Ishita Agrawal, and Subodh Sharma. **Exploiting epochs and symmetries in analysing MPI programs**. *International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2022*.

INTERNSHIPS

Architecture for Foundation Models on Relational Data

Jun 2025 – Sep 2025

SAP Labs Inc., Palo Alto

Semantic Search in SmartTV via Natural Language Processing
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., South Korea

Jun 2021 – Aug 2021

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for ICLR 2026, ICML 2025, NeurIPS 2023, WSDM 2023.