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# **Education**

Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, USA PhD (CS, minor in Optimization) 2013 Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India MSc & BSc (Math & Computing) 2007

# Research & Professional Experience

2020 – present	Principal Research Staff Member, IBM Research
2018 - 2020	Research Staff Member, IBM Research
2017 - 2018	Principal Product Architect, Infosys Ltd
2015 - 2017	Senior Staff Research Scientist, Skytree Inc
2013 - 2015	Member of Technical Staff, Skytree Inc

### **Research Interests**

I have a wide range of research interests, and enjoy learning about new topics and making connections. Areas I have previously focused on: Optimization, Automated Machine Learning & Data Science, Large Scale Learning, Computational Geometry, Efficient All-Pairs Algorithms & Analysis, Density Estimation, Kernel Methods, Associative Memories & Energy-based Models, Machine Unlearning, Sparse Learning, Neuro-inspired Learning, Compositional Generalization.

### **Selected Publications**

I have been fortunate to publish in various research areas at top AI, ML and DM conferences and journals (h-index: 23, 50+ publications). I have also filed 20+ patents. Here is a selected subset:

- B. Hoover, D. H. Chau, H. Strobelt, P. Ram, and D. Krotov. Dense associative memory through the lens of random features. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 37, 2024
- J. Jia, J. Liu, Y. Zhang, P. Ram, N. Baracaldo, and S. Liu. Wagle: Strategic weight attribution for effective and modular unlearning in large language models. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 37, 2024
- P. Ram, T. Klinger, and A. G. Gray. What makes models compositional? a theoretical view. In *Proceedings of the Thirty-First International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-24)*, 2024
- J. Liu, P. Ram, Y. Yao, G. Liu, Y. Liu, P. Sharma, S. Liu, et al. Model sparsity can simplify machine unlearning. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 36, 2023 spotlight, 90+ citations
- B. Saha, D. Krotov, M. J. Zaki, and P. Ram. End-to-end differentiable clustering with associative memories. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, pages 29649–29670. PMLR, 2023
- Y. Zhou, P. Ram, T. Salonidis, N. Baracaldo, H. Samulowitz, and H. Ludwig. Single-shot general hyper-parameter optimization for federated learning. In The 11th International Conference on Learning Representations, 2023 notable top-25%
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- P. Ram and K. Sinha. Federated nearest neighbor classification with a colony of fruit-flies. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 36, pages 8036–8044, 2022
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- S. Liu, P. Ram, D. Vijaykeerthy, D. Bouneffouf, G. Bramble, H. Samulowitz, D. Wang, A. Conn, and A. Gray. An admm based framework for automl pipeline configuration. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 34, pages 4892–4899, 2020 90 citations
- P. Ram and K. Sinha. Revisiting kd-tree for nearest neighbor search. In *Proceedings of the 25th acm sigkdd international conference on knowledge discovery & data mining*, pages 1378–1388, 2019 140 citations
- R. R. Curtin, P. Ram, and A. G. Gray. Fast exact max-kernel search. In *Proceedings of the 2013 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining*, pages 1–9. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2013 best paper finalist
- P. Ram and A. G. Gray. Maximum inner-product search using cone trees. In *Proceedings of the 18th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining*, pages 931–939, 2012 200+ citations
- P. Ram and A. G. Gray. Density estimation trees. In *Proceedings of the 17th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining*, pages 627–635, 2011 140 citations
- P. Ram, D. Lee, W. March, and A. Gray. Linear-time algorithms for pairwise statistical problems. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 22, 2009 spotlight, 90 citations

# Recognition

- IBM Research Accomplishments Outstanding Technical Achievement Awards: Towards Automating AI Lifecycle with AutoAI (2019), AutoAI: The Next Level (2020), Federated Learning Security & Privacy (2022), Neurobiologically Inspired Foundation Models (2023).
- IBM Council for Innovation Leadership Eminence & Excellence Award (2024).
- IBM Outstanding Innovation Award for Neurobiologically Inspired Foundation Models (2024).
- IBM Invention Plateau 5 (2024).
- IBM Research Pat Goldberg Best Paper Finalist for An ADMM based Framework for AutoML Pipeline Configuration (2020).
- SIAM Data Mining Best Paper Finalist for Fast Exact Max-Kernel Search (2013).
- NeurIPS Top Reviewer (2022, 2023), ICML Top Reviewer (2022), TMLR Expert Reviewer (2023).

### Service

- Organizer, NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Associative Memory and Hopfield Networks.
- Senior PC member AAAI (2024, 2025), NeurIPS Area Chair (2024), ICML Area Chair (2025).
- Office-hours, ICLR 2023.
- Organizer, KDD 2022 Tutorial on Gradual AutoML using Lale.
- Regular PC member for NeurIPS, ICML, AISTATS, ICLR, UAI, KDD, AAAI conferences.

### **Invited Talks**

- VSAONLINE 2025. Dense Associative Memories through the Lens of Random Features.
- **ICLR 2025** workshop on *New Frontiers in Associative Memories*. Associative Memories and its Role in Machine Learning.
- IIITDM Kancheepuram 2024 workshop on Future Perspectives of AI and Data Sciences: Algorithms and Applications. The Critical Role of Fundamental Mathematical Tools on the Path to AGI.
- IJCAI 2024 workshop on *Logical Foundations of Neuro-Symbolic AI*. What makes Models Compositional? A Neuro-Symbolic Theoretical View.
- INFORMS 2022 session on *Bilevel Stochastic Methods for Optimization and Learning*. Robust Multi-objective Bilevel Optimization With Applications In Machine Learning.
- **SIAM Uncertainty Quantification 2014 (UQ14)** mini-symposium on *Non-parametric Density Estimation*. Density Estimation Trees.
- MLConf Atlanta 2014. Max-kernel Search: How to search for just about anything?

### **Teaching**

- Bilevel Optimization at the Polyhedra and Combinatorial Optimization Days 2023 (JPOC13) summer school on Combinatorial Optimization & Machine Learning.
- Compositional Generalization at the *Neuro-Symbolic Summer School* 2023.
- Hands-on tutorial at the KDD 2022 Tutorial on Gradual AutoML using Lale.
- Teaching Assistant, Data and Visual Analytics (Spring 2011, 2013), Georgia Tech.

### **Research Grants**

- Fast Inference and Alignment for Large Multi-modal Models, RPI-IBM Future of Computing Research Collaboration Program, 2025
- Meta-Transfer-Learning for Tabular Data Distillation, Generation, and Predictive Modeling, RPI-IBM Future of Computing Research Collaboration Program, 2025
- FIT: Fast Inference using Transformer Models, RPI-IBM Future of Computing Research Collaboration Program, 2024

- Data Distillation in Tabular Data: A Foundation Model Approach, RPI-IBM Future of Computing Research Collaboration Program, 2024
- A Framework for Automating Decentralized Training of Foundation Models, RPI-IBM AI Research Collaboration Program, 2023
- AutoDML: A Framework for Automating Decentralized Machine Learning, RPI-IBM AI Research Collaboration Program, 2022

# Mentorship

I have mentored students both during summer internships at IBM research, and through continued collaborations with their advisors at various academic institutions.

# Continuing projects

- Ben Hoover (GT), 2024-present.
- Heshan Fernanda (RPI), 2024-present.
- Inwon Kang (RPI), 2023-present.
- Jinghan Jia (MSU), 2023-present.
- Bishwajit Saha (RPI), 2022-2024.
- Md Ibrahim Alam (RPI), 2022-present.
- Momin Abbas (RPI), 2022-2023.
- Jiancheng Liu (MSU), 2022-present.
- Yuguang Yao (MSU), 2020-present.
- Yihua Zhang (MSU), 2020-present.
- Yunfei Teng (NYU), 2020-2022.

#### Summer interns at IBM

- Inwon Kang (RPI) 2023, 2024
- Charlotte Park (MIT) 2024
- Momin Abbas (RPI) 2023
- Bishwajit Saha (RPI) 2022, 2023
- Xinying Qi (RPI) 2022, 2023
- Lucky Yerimah (RPI) 2021

### Undergraduate researchers at MIT-IBM

• Alex Gu (MIT) 2021

# **Publications**

Here is the complete list of my publications in chronological order for each publication type.

# **Book Chapters**

1. Y. Zhou, P. Ram, T. Salonidis, N. Baracaldo, H. Samulowitz, and H. Ludwig. Hyper-parameter optimization in federated learning. In *Federated Learning*, pages 237–255. Academic Press, 2024

### **Iournals**

- 1. R. R. Curtin, J. R. Cline, N. P. Slagle, W. B. March, P. Ram, N. A. Mehta, and A. G. Gray. Mlpack: A scalable c++ machine learning library. *The Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 14(1):801–805, 2013
- 2. R. R. Curtin and P. Ram. Dual-tree fast exact max-kernel search. Statistical Analysis and Data Mining: The ASA Data Science Journal, 7(4):229–253, 2014
- 3. R. R. Curtin, D. Lee, W. B. March, and P. Ram. Plug-and-play dual-tree algorithm runtime analysis. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 16:3269–3297, 2015
- 4. O. Keivani, K. Sinha, and P. Ram. Improved maximum inner product search with better theoretical guarantee using randomized partition trees. *Machine Learning*, 107(6):1069–1094, 2018

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- 2. P. Ram, D. Lee, H. Ouyang, and A. Gray. Rank-approximate nearest neighbor search: Retaining meaning and speed in high dimensions. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 22, 2009
- 3. W. B. March, P. Ram, and A. G. Gray. Fast euclidean minimum spanning tree: algorithm, analysis, and applications. In *Proceedings of the 16th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining*, pages 603–612, 2010
- 4. P. Ram, D. Lee, and A. G. Gray. Nearest-neighbor search on a time budget via max-margin trees. In *SIAM Data Mining*, 2012
- 5. P. Ram and A. G. Gray. Density estimation trees. In *Proceedings of the 17th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining*, pages 627–635, 2011
- P. Ram and A. G. Gray. Maximum inner-product search using cone trees. In Proceedings of the 18th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining, pages 931–939, 2012
- 7. N. Koenigstein, P. Ram, and Y. Shavitt. Efficient retrieval of recommendations in a matrix factorization framework. In *Proceedings of the 21st ACM international conference on Information and knowledge management*, pages 535–544, 2012
- 8. R. R. Curtin, P. Ram, and A. G. Gray. Fast exact max-kernel search. In *Proceedings of the 2013 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining*, pages 1–9. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2013
- 9. R. Curtin, W. March, P. Ram, D. Anderson, A. Gray, and C. Isbell. Tree-independent dual-tree algorithms. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, pages 1435–1443. PMLR, 2013
- 10. P. Ram and A. Gray. Which space partitioning tree to use for search? *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 26, 2013
- 11. O. Keivani, K. Sinha, and P. Ram. Improved maximum inner product search with better theoretical guarantees. In 2017 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), pages 2927–2934. IEEE, 2017
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- 13. D. Wang, J. D. Weisz, M. Muller, P. Ram, W. Geyer, C. Dugan, Y. Tausczik, H. Samulowitz, and A. Gray. Humanai collaboration in data science: Exploring data scientists' perceptions of automated ai. *Proceedings of the ACM on human-computer interaction*, 3(CSCW):1–24, 2019
- 14. S. Liu, P. Ram, D. Vijaykeerthy, D. Bouneffouf, G. Bramble, H. Samulowitz, D. Wang, A. Conn, and A. Gray. An admm based framework for automl pipeline configuration. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 34, pages 4892–4899, 2020
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- 16. M. Katz, P. Ram, S. Sohrabi, and O. Udrea. Exploring context-free languages via planning: The case for automating machine learning. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling*, volume 30, pages 403–411, 2020
- 17. D. Bouneffouf, C. Aggarwal, T. Hoang, U. Khurana, H. Samulowitz, B. Buesser, S. Liu, T. Pedapati, P. Ram, A. Rawat, et al. Survey on automated end-to-end data science? In 2020 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), pages 1–9. IEEE, 2020
- 18. R. Marinescu, A. Kishimoto, P. Ram, A. Rawat, M. Wistuba, P. P. Palmes, and A. Botea. Searching for machine learning pipelines using a context-free grammar. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 35, pages 8902–8911, 2021
- 19. K. Sinha and P. Ram. Fruit-fly inspired neighborhood encoding for classification. In *Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery & Data Mining*, pages 1470–1480, 2021
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- 21. G. Baudart, M. Hirzel, K. Kate, P. Ram, A. Shinnar, and J. Tsay. Pipeline combinators for gradual automl. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 34:19705–19718, 2021
- 22. A. Kannan, A. R. Choudhury, V. Saxena, S. Raje, P. Ram, A. Verma, and Y. Sabharwal. Hyperaspo: Fusion of model and hyper parameter optimization for multi-objective machine learning. In 2021 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data), pages 790–800. IEEE, 2021
- 23. P. Ram and K. Sinha. Federated nearest neighbor classification with a colony of fruit-flies. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 36, pages 8036–8044, 2022

- 24. P. Ram. On the optimality gap of warm-started hyperparameter optimization. In *International Conference on Automated Machine Learning*, pages 12–1. PMLR, 2022
- D. Subramanian, S. Wasserkrug, P. Murali, D. Phan, P. Ram, O. Davidovich, X. Ceugniet, and F. Katai. Data and knowledge driven optimization model generation for flow based optimization problems. In *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, 2021
- 26. P. Zhao, P. Ram, S. Lu, Y. Yao, D. Bouneffouf, X. Lin, and S. Liu. Learning to generate image source-agnostic universal adversarial perturbations. In *Proceedings of the Thirty-First International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-22)*, 2022
- 27. M. Hirzel, K. Kate, P. Ram, A. Shinnar, and J. Tsay. Gradual automl using lale. In *Proceedings of the 28th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining*, pages 4794–4795, 2022
- 28. Y. Teng, A. Choromanska, M. Campbell, S. Lu, P. Ram, and L. Horesh. Overcoming catastrophic forgetting via direction-constrained optimization. In *Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases*, pages 675–692. Springer International Publishing Cham, 2022
- 29. A. Gu, S. Lu, P. Ram, and L. Weng. Robust multi-objective bilevel optimization with applications in machine learning. In *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, 2022
- 30. Y. Zhang, Y. Yao, P. Ram, P. Zhao, T. Chen, M. Hong, Y. Wang, and S. Liu. Advancing model pruning via bi-level optimization. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 35:18309–18326, 2022
- 31. P. Palmes, A. Kishimoto, R. Marinescu, P. Ram, and E. Daly. Distributed automl pipeline search in pc/raspi k8s cluster. In *Julia Con*, 2022
- 32. P. Ram, A. G. Gray, H. C. Samulowitz, and G. Bramble. Toward theoretical guidance for two common questions in practical cross-validation based hyperparameter selection. In *Proceedings of the 2023 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*, pages 802–810. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2023
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- 36. P. Dube, T. Salonidis, P. Ram, and A. Verma. Runtime prediction of machine learning algorithms in automl systems. In *ICASSP 2023-2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 1–5. IEEE, 2023
- 37. B. Saha, D. Krotov, M. J. Zaki, and P. Ram. End-to-end differentiable clustering with associative memories. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, pages 29649–29670. PMLR, 2023
- 38. M. Feffer, M. Hirzel, S. C. Hoffman, K. Kate, P. Ram, and A. Shinnar. Searching for fairer machine learning ensembles. In *International Conference on Automated Machine Learning*, pages 17–1. PMLR, 2023
- 39. M. Lazuka, A. Anghel, P. Ram, H. Pozidis, and T. Parnell. xcloudserving: Automated ml serving across clouds. In 2023 IEEE 16th International Conference on Cloud Computing (CLOUD), pages 1–12. IEEE, 2023
- 40. J. Liu, P. Ram, Y. Yao, G. Liu, Y. Liu, P. Sharma, S. Liu, et al. Model sparsity can simplify machine unlearning. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 36, 2023
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- 42. M. Abbas, Y. Zhou, P. Ram, N. Baracaldo, H. Samulowitz, T. Salonidis, and T. Chen. Enhancing in-context learning via linear probe calibration. In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, pages 307–315. PMLR, 2024
- 43. M. Abbas, Y. Zhou, N. Baracaldo, H. Samulowitz, P. Ram, and T. Salonidis. Byzantine-resilient bilevel federated learning. In 2024 IEEE 13rd Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop (SAM), pages 1–5. IEEE, 2024
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- 47. S. Carrow, K. H. Erwin, O. Vilenskaia, P. Ram, T. Klinger, N. A. Khan, N. Makondo, and A. Gray. Neural reasoning networks: Efficient interpretable neural networks with automatic textual explanations. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 2025

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- 3. G. Baudart, M. Hirzel, K. Kate, P. Ram, and A. Shinnar. Lale: Consistent automated machine learning. In *AutoML Workshop @ KDD'20*, 2020
- 4. M. Hirzel, K. Kate, and P. Ram. Engineering fair machine learning pipelines. In *ICLR 2021 Workshop on Responsible AI*, 2021
- 5. P. Ram, A. G. Gray, and H. Samulowitz. Leveraging theoretical tradeoffs in hyperparameter selection for improved empirical performance. In 8th ICML 2021 Workshop on Automated Machine Learning (AutoML), 2021
- 6. C. Fan, P. Ram, and S. Liu. Sign-MAML: Efficient model-agnostic meta-learning by SignSGD. In 5th NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Meta-Learning, 2021
- 7. S. Wasserkrug, O. Davidovich, E. Shindin, D. Subramanian, P. Ram, P. Murali, D. Phan, N. Zhou, and L. M. Nguyen. Ensuring the quality of optimization solutions in data generated optimization models. In *IJCAI 2021 DSO (Data Science Meets Optimisation) Workshop*, 2021
- 8. P. Ram and K. Sinha. Flynn: Fruit-fly inspired federated nearest neighbor classification. In *International Workshop on Federated Learning for User Privacy and Data Confidentiality in Conjunction with ICML 2021 (FL-ICML'21)*, 2021
- 9. Y. Zhou, P. Ram, T. Salonidis, N. Baracaldo, H. Samulowitz, and H. Ludwig. Flora: Single-shot hyper-parameter optimization for federated learning. In *NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership*, 2021
- 10. A. Gu, S. Lu, P. Ram, and L. Weng. Nonconvex min-max bilevel optimization for task robust meta learning. In *ICML 2021 Workshop on Beyond first-order methods in ML systems*, 2021
- 11. M. Feffer, M. Hirzel, S. C. Hoffman, K. Kate, P. Ram, and A. Shinnar. An empirical study of modular bias mitigators and ensembles. In *ICML 2022 Workshop on Benchmarking Data for Data-Centric AI (DataPerf@ICML)*, 2022
- 12. R. Marinescu, T. Pedapati, L. Vu, P. Palmes, T. Mummert, P. Kirchner, D. Subramanian, P. Ram, and D. Bouneffouf. Automated decision optimization with reinforcement learning. In *AAAI-22 Workshop on AI for Decision Optimization*, 2022
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- 14. T. Klinger, L. Liu, S. Dan, M. Crouse, P. Ram, and A. Gray. Compositional program generation for systematic generalization. In *IJCAI 2023 Workshop on Knowledge-Based Compositional Generalization*, 2023
- 15. P. Ram, T. Klinger, and A. G. Gray. How compositional is a model? In *IJCAI 2023 Workshop on Knowledge-Based Compositional Generalization*, 2023
- 16. M. Hirzel and P. Ram. Oversampling to repair bias and imbalance simultaneously. In *Workshop track at AutoML Conference* 2023, 2023
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