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Research interests

Topological Data Analysis, Multiparameter persistence, Graph Neural Networks, Topological Deep Learning, Category Theory for Machine Learning, Spatio-temporal learning on point clouds and graphs.

Education

Purdue University *West Lafayette, IN*
PhD in Computer Science *Aug 2021 – Present*
Advisor: Prof. Tamal K. Dey

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal *Bhopal, INDIA*
BS-MS Dual Degree majoring in Mathematics *Aug 2015 – May 2020*
MS Thesis Advisor: Dr. Dheeraj Kulkarni

Appointments held

Research Intern, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Mentor: Dr. Dmitriy Morozov *Jun 2023 – Aug 2023*
Used gradient based tree learning for dimensionality reduction of Persistence Images of Zeolites.

Visiting PhD Student, INRIA Saclay
Mentor: Prof. Steve Oudot *May 2023 – Jun 2023*
Proved that GRIL (Generalised Rank Invariant Landscape), 2-parameter persistence-based vectorization, (see papers) is stratifiably smooth and computed the gradient w.r.t. input bifiltration functions. Used this to build end-to-end 2-parameter persistence learning framework D-GRIL (see papers).

Research Intern, Adobe Media and Data Science Research
Mentors: Piyush Gupta and Siddharth Ramesh *May 2022 – Aug 2022*
Self-attention in large language models, such as BERT, can be considered as a directed weighted graph. Worked on capturing the topology of this attention graph through persistent homology and using the topological information for downstream tasks such as text similarity, sentiment classification etc.

Independent Researcher, Ethereum Foundation
Collaborator: Aditya Asgaonkar *May 2021 – Aug 2021*
Modelled the Eth2.0 Network as a metric space and used Vietoris-Rips like constructions to understand node interactions in the blockchain network and how the message about a new block that is produced is transmitted through the network.

Project Student, IIT Delhi
Mentor: Dr. Ishaan Gupta *May 2020 – Oct 2020*
Evaluated the effect of hypertension and diabetes on COVID-19 severity and mortality in India. We found that people with diabetes are 2.46 times more likely to be severely infected and 2.11 times more likely to have a fatal outcome. Predicted the severity and mortality of COVID-19 using machine learning models with an AUC-ROC of 0.91 and 0.92 respectively based on non-invasive blood parameter data collected from patients. (see papers)

MS Thesis, Chennai Mathematical Institute
Mentor: Dr. Priyavrat Deshpande *Jan 2020 – May 2020*
Applied methods from Topological Data Analysis to a socio-economic dataset from India, as part of my MS thesis.

DAAD WISE Fellow, Technische Universität Dresden
Mentor: Prof. Dr. Andreas Thom & Dr. Martin Nietzsche *May 2018 – Jul 2018*
Worked on application of Algebraic Topology to Social Choice Theory and wrote an expository article. (see papers)

Charpak Fellow, University of Strasbourg
Mentor: Prof. Athanase Papadopoulos *May 2017 – Jul 2017*
Studied about homotopies and Poincaré groups of a topological space.

Grants, awards and scholarships

Purdue Graduate Student Travel Grant, Purdue University	*2024*
NSF Travel Grant, NSF	*2023*
Research Grant for Beacon Chain Network Topological Analysis, Ethereum Foundation	*2021*
Director's Gold Medal, IISER Bhopal	*2020*
Department Gold Medal, IISER Bhopal	*2020*
DAAD-WISE Fellowship, DAAD	*2018*
Charpak Summer Research Fellowship, Campus France	*2017*
CNR Rao Education Foundation Prize, IISER Bhopal	*Aug 2016*
CNR Rao Education Foundation Prize, IISER Bhopal	*Jan 2016*
INSPIRE Fellowship, Govt. of India	*2015*

Publications

2024

Soham Mukherjee*, **Shreyas N. Samaga***, Cheng Xin, Steve Oudot, Tamal K. Dey. D-GRIL: End-to-End Topological Learning with 2-parameter Persistence. *arXiv preprint, 2024.*

Tamal K. Dey, Florian Russold, and **Shreyas N. Samaga** (author order acc. to last name). Efficient Algorithms for Complexes of Persistence Modules with Applications.. *40th International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG 2024). Schloss Dagstuhl–Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, 2024.*

2023

Cheng Xin*, Soham Mukherjee*, **Shreyas N. Samaga**, Tamal K. Dey. GRIL: A 2-parameter Persistence Based Vectorization for Machine Learning. *Proceedings of 2nd Annual Workshop on Topology, Algebra, and Geometry in Machine Learning (TAG-ML), in Proceedings of Machine Learning Research 221:313-333, 2023.* **(Spotlight Oral)**

2022

Mustafa Hajij, Ghada Zamzmi, Theodore Papamarkou, Nina Miolane, Aldo Guzman-Saenz, Karthikeyan Natesan Ramamurthy, Tolga Birdal, Tamal K. Dey, Soham Mukherjee, **Shreyas N. Samaga**, Neal Livesay, Robin Walters, Paul Rosen, Michael T. Schaub. Topological Deep Learning: Going Beyond Graph Data. *arXiv preprint, 2022.*

Samarth Bhatia, Yukti Makhija, Sneha Jayaswal, Shalendra Singh, Prabhat Singh Malik, Sri Krishna Venigalla, Pallavi Gupta, **Shreyas N. Samaga**, Rabi Narayan Hota, Ishaan Gupta. Severity and mortality prediction models to triage Indian COVID-19 patients. *PLOS Digital Health, 1(3):e0000020, 2022.*

2021

Sneha Kumar Jayaswal, Shalendra Singh, Prabhat Singh Malik, Sri Krishna Venigalla, Pallavi Gupta, **Shreyas N. Samaga**, Rabi Narayan Hota, Surinder Singh Bhatia, Ishaan Gupta. Detrimental effect of diabetes and hypertension on the severity and mortality of COVID-19 infection: A multi-center case-control study from India. *Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research & Reviews, 15(5):102248, 2021.*

Yukti Makhija, Samarth Bhatia, Shalendra Singh, Sneha Kumar Jayaswal, Prabhat Singh Malik, Pallavi Gupta, **Shreyas N. Samaga**, Shreya Johri, Sri Krishna Venigalla, Rabi Narayan Hota, Surinder Singh Bhatia, Ishaan Gupta. Challenges in the application of a mortality prediction model for COVID-19 patients on an Indian cohort. *arXiv preprint, 2021.*

2018

Shreyas Samaga. On the homotopy type of choice spaces. *arXiv preprint, 2018.*

Research Projects

Current Projects

Working on extracting topological information from spatio-temporal point cloud data and spatio-temporal graph data.

Past Projects

Worked on developing and implementing efficient algorithms for complexes of persistence modules and showed its application in computing persistent sheaf cohomology, among many others.

GRIL: Generalized Rank Invariant Landscape, a vectorization scheme for 2-parameter persistence modules. GRIL vectorizes a 2-parameter persistence module directly and does not need to reduce it to a family of 1-parameter persistence modules. Experimentally showed that GRIL compares well with the existing multiparameter persistence vectorization methods.

Proved that GRIL is a stratifiably smooth map and computed an explicit formula for its gradient with respect to input bifiltration functions. Used this to build D-GRIL, an end-to-end learning layer based on 2-parameter persistence. This is one of the initial works on end-to-end learning using 2-parameter persistent homology. Showed that this can be used for bio-activity prediction.

Contributed to one of the foundational papers on Topological Deep Learning and TopoModelX, a library for Topological Deep Learning.

Teaching experience

Purdue University

1/2 TA, CS 531: Computational Geometry *Spring 2024*
TA, CS 177: Programming with Multimedia Objects *Spring 2022*
TA, CS 177: Programming with Multimedia Objects *Fall 2021*

The Ohio State University

TA, CSE 1222: Introduction to Computer Programming in C++ for Engineers and Scientists *Spring 2021*

Service

I review for ICLR, NeurIPS and Learning on Graphs conferences.

Was one of the local organisers of ComPer Workshop 2023.