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Education

- 2019–Present **PhD Candidate**, *Computer Science and Eng.*, University of Washington (GPA: 3.89).
2017–2019 **PhD Student**, *Computational Science and Eng.*, Georgia Tech (GPA: 4.0).
2011–2015 **Bachelors of Arts**, *Physics*, Reed College (GPA: 3.65),
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Commendation (2012, 2013, 2015) .

Research

2021–Present **Policy Composition in Multi-Objective Decision Making**

Developing a structured class of policy composition strategies to interpolate between reinforcement learning policies learned for multiple, potentially conflicting, objectives.

Papers **Adhikary, S.** and Boots, B., (2022). Modular Policy Composition with Policy Centroids. Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM)

2020–Present **Geometry-Aware Sampling with Kernel Herding**

Extended the kernel herding algorithm to the task of drawing samples from probability distributions over data-spaces corresponding to various structured Riemannian manifolds routinely encountered in robotics.

Papers **Adhikary, S.**, Thompson, J., and Boots, B., (2021). [Sampling over Riemannian Manifolds with Kernel Herding](#). Robotics: Science and Systems (R:SS) Workshop on Geometry and Topology in Robotics. (Full paper to appear in ICRA 2022)
Honors: Awarded Best Workshop Paper

2019–2021 **Quantum-Inspired Probabilistic Modeling**

Established equivalencies between probabilistic models from quantum tensor networks, stochastic processes, and weighted automata. Developed an approach to learning hidden quantum Markov models using their parameterization on the Stiefel manifold.

Papers Srinivasan, S., **Adhikary, S.**, Miller, J., Pokharel, B., Gordon, G. & Boots, B. (2021), [Towards a Trace-Preserving Tensor Network Representation of Quantum Channels](#), Second Workshop on Quantum Tensor Networks (NeurIPS)
Adhikary, S.*, Srinivasan S. *, Miller J., Rabusseau G., & Boots B. (2021) [Quantum Tensor Networks, Stochastic Processes, & Weighted Automata](#). International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS).
Adhikary, S.*, Srinivasan, S. *, Gordon, G. & Boots, B. (2020) [Expressiveness and Learning of Hidden Quantum Markov Models](#). International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS).

2017–2019 **Predicting Post-transplant Outcomes in Renal Transplant Patients**

Collaborated with clinical experts to develop machine learning models predicting transplant failures, readmissions, and mortality in renal transplant patients.

Papers Hogan, J., Arenson, M. D., **Adhikary, S.**, Li, K., Zhang, X., Zhang, R., Valdez, J. N., Lynch, R. J., Sun, J., Adams, A. B., & Patzer, R. E. (2019). [Assessing Predictors of Early and Late Hospital Readmission After Kidney Transplantation](#). Transplantation Direct 5(8)

Teaching

- Oct 2020–Dec 2020 **Teaching Assistant** *CSE599: Reinforcement Learning*, University of Washington
Dec 2018–May 2019 **Teaching Assistant** *CS4002: Robots and Society*, Georgia Tech.
Aug 2017–Dec 2017 **Teaching Assistant** *CS4001: Computing, Society, and Ethics*, Georgia Tech.