Saumya Sinha **Curriculum Vitae**

CONTACT Rice University Email: saumya.sinha@rice.edu 6100 Main St, MS-134, Houston TX 77005 Website: saumya-sinha.github.io INFORMATION

RESEARCH INTERESTS Healthcare systems, organ transplantation, sequential decision-making, optimization under uncertainty, robust optimization, dynamic programming.

CURRENT AFFILIATION

Postdoctoral Research Associate

October 2018 - present

Rice University, Houston TX

Working with Andrew Schaefer on stochastic and dynamic optimization, with a focus on organ transplantation and other healthcare applications.

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow

July 2019 - present

Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston TX

Using operations research (OR) and analytics for risk-benefit assessment of organ transplant patients, and studying strategic implications of the same.

EDUCATION

PhD, Applied Mathematics (minor in Advanced Data Science)

August 2018

University of Washington, Seattle WA

Dissertation: Robust dynamic optimization: theory and applications

Advisor: Archis Ghate

MS, Applied Mathematics

March 2015

University of Washington, Seattle WA

MS, Mathematics July 2013

TIFR Centre for Applicable Mathematics, Bangalore, India

BS (Honors), Mathematics

June 2011

St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India

& PREPRINTS

- PUBLICATIONS 6. Incentives in outcome-based regulation for solid organ transplantation (D. Mildebrath, S. Sinha, T. Lee, A.J. Schaefer, H.J. Huang, A.O. Gaber) Submitted to Management Science.
 - 5. Relaxations and duality for multiobjective integer programming (A. Dunbar, S. Sinha, A.J. Schaefer) Submitted to Mathematical Programming. Finalist for the INFORMS Undergraduate Operations Research Prize, 2020
 - 4. Approximate policy iteration for robust countable-state Markov decision processes (S. Sinha, A. Ghate) *Under second review at Operations Research*.
 - 3. Characterizing rational transplant program response to outcome-based regulation (D. Mildebrath, T. Lee, S. Sinha, A.J. Schaefer, A.O. Gaber) To appear in Operations Research.
 - 2. Policy iteration for robust nonstationary Markov decision processes (S. Sinha, A. Ghate) Optimization Letters, Vol 10(8), 1613-1628 2016.
 - 1. Robust response-guided dosing (S. Sinha, J. Kotas, A. Ghate) Operations Research Letters, Vol 44(3), 394-399 2016.

WORKING **PAPERS**

- 3. A robust multi-period Newsvendor model with inventory balance constraints (S. Sinha, M.R. Wagner, A. Ghate) In preparation, target journal: Operations Research
- 2. Leveraging programmatic risk assessment to increase transplant access (S. Sinha, D. Mildebrath, A.J. Schaefer, H.J. Huang, A.O. Gaber)
- 1. Duality for countably infinite integer programs (R. Schellenberger, S. Sinha, A.J. Schaefer)

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Rice University, Houston.

- Developing a new Masters course on OR in healthcare - Spring 2022 (planned)

Guest Lecturer, Rice University, Houston.

- Applied Discrete Optimization - Spring 2019

Instructor, University of Washington, Seattle.

- Applied linear algebra and numerical analysis Summer 2018 & Summer 2017
- Introduction to differential equations and applications Spring 2018
- Partial differential equations and waves Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle.

- Vector calculus and complex variables Fall 2017 & Fall 2015
- Computational methods for data analysis Winter 2017
- Methods for partial differential equations Spring 2016
- Introduction to continuous mathematical modeling Summer & Winter 2015
- Applied linear algebra and numerical analysis Summer 2015
- Introduction to differential equations and applications Summer 2015
- Advanced methods for partial differential equations Spring 2015
- Algebra with applications Fall & Winter 2014
- Calculus with analytic geometry II Fall 2013

RESEARCH **MENTORSHIP**

Student supervision, Rice University, Houston

Since November 2018

Working with undergraduate students on individual research projects.

- Matthew Brun: Nondominated dual solutions for multiobjective IPs (since Fall 2021)
- Robert Schellenberger: Duality for countably infinite IPs (since Spring 2020)
- Alex Dunbar: Relaxations and duality for multiobjective IPs (Fall 2018-Summer 2020)
- Oren Pazgal: Simulation for transplant patient selection (Summer 2019)
- Carlos Linares: Simulation in Python (Summer 2019)

Graduate mentor, University of Washington, Seattle

Spring 2018

Supervised an undergraduate student for the 'Women in Applied Math Mentorship' Program. Topic: Choice modeling and its application to airline network management

Undergraduate Research Mentor, TIFR CAM, Bangalore, India

May 2013

Supervised 20 undergraduate students in a Summer research program; assisted with designing models for optimal town-planning using network structure.

GRANT

Played a central role in developing the following research grants:

PREPARATION

- National Science Foundation, CMMI-1933373: Stochastic and dynamic chemotherapy planning and dosing
- Office of Naval Research: A neural network approach for integer programming duality
- National Institutes of Health, 1R01CA257814-01: SCH: Personalized rescheduling of adaptive radiation therapy for head & neck cancer

PROFESSIONAL Officer for the INFORMS Forum for Women in OR & Management Sciences (WORMS)

SERVICE &

- Secretary, 2020

OUTREACH

- Vice-President of Communications, 2021-2022

Session Chair at INFORMS Annual Meetings

- OR Methods for Health Policy Design, Anaheim 2021
- Robust and Dynamic Stochastic Optimization, Phoenix 2018
- Statistics- and Information-based Approaches to Stochastic Optimization, Houston 2017

Mentor

- WORMS Mentorship Program, 2018 and 2021
- 'Women in Applied Math Mentorship' Program, University of Washington, 2018

Panelist on a 'Careers in Mathematics' panel for undergraduate students in mathematical sciences, Rice University, December 2020

Volunteer for multiple community outreach events – conducted math-based games and activities for K-12 students, served as judge for student competitions.

- Science and Engineering Fair of Houston, February 2020 & 2021
- Math Moves, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, March 2016
- Julia Robinson Math Festival, March 2014 & April 2015
- University of Washington Math Fair, March 2014 & December 2013

Co-organizer, Student Seminar Series at TIFR-CAM, 2012-2013

Coordinated weekly campus talks on math-related topics by graduate students.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 'Rising Stars in Computational & Data Sciences' Workshop, University of Texas, Austin, 2020
- INFORMS Doctoral Student Colloquium, 2017
- William and Marilyn Conner Endowed Fellowship, University of Washington, 2014
- INSPIRE Scholarship, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, 2008
- National Talent Search Scholarship, National Council for Educational Research & Training, India, 2006

TALKS

- Incentives in outcome-based regulation for solid organ transplantation INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2021, Anaheim (Sessions: SD22, VWD10)
- Relaxation and duality for multiobjective integer programming INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2020 (Virtual)
- Patient Selection for lung transplantation: a transplant program perspective Rising Stars 2020, October 2020 (Virtual)
- Robust countable-state Markov decision processes

INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2018, Phoenix

INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2017, Houston

INFORMS Applied Probability Society Conference, July 2017, Evanston

SIAM Conference on Optimization, May 2017, Vancouver, Canada

 A robust multi-period Newsvendor model with inventory balance constraints INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2018, Phoenix

Applied Mathematics Seminar, December 2017, University of Washington, Seattle

• Policy iteration for robust nonstationary Markov decision processes INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2015, Philadelphia

WORKSH VISITS

WORKSHOPS & • Rising Stars 2020 at University of Texas, Austin - October 2020 (Virtual)

- Industrial Mathematics Worksop at Institute for Mathematics and its Applications, Minneapolis *July 2017*
- Visiting student at International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, India *September 2016* Studied theoretical and numerical aspects of matrix completion problems.
- Statistical & Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI) Optimization Summer School
 August 2016
- Software Carpentry Workshop at University of Washington January 2015

PROFESSIONAL • Institute for Operations Research & Management Sciences (INFORMS)

- MEMBERSHIPS INFORMS Forum for Women in OR/MS (WORMS)
 - Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

SELECTED

- Linear Programming & Game Theory - Introduction to Data Science

- COURSEWORK Optimization in System Sciences - Computational Methods for Data Analysis - Mathematical Programming - Machine Learning
 - Econometrics - Integer Programming - Network Optimization - Data Visualization

SELECTED

• Mapping dengue vulnerability in Peru, Data Visualization, Spring 2018

Course PROJECTS

- Airline revenue management using mixed-integer programming, Integer Programming, Winter 2017
- Binary classification using Stochastic Dual Coordinate Ascent, Machine Learning, Fall 2016
- Influence of food access and poverty on obesity, Introduction to Data Science, Fall 2015

REFERENCES

Andrew Schaefer (Postdoctoral advisor)

Noah Harding Chair and Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University, Houston. Email: andrew.schaefer@rice.edu

Archis Ghate (PhD advisor)

Professor and Associate Chair, Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, Email: archis@uw.edu

Michael R. Wagner (Doctoral committee member, co-author)

Associate Professor of Operations Management, Foster School of Business, University of Washington, Seattle. Email: mrwagner@uw.edu

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