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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Optimization under uncertainty, sequential decision-making, robust optimization, incentive design, healthcare operations and policy, inventory management.	
CURRENT AFFILIATION	<b>Postdoctoral Research Associate</b> Rice University, Houston TX Working with Andrew Schaefer on stochastic and dynamic optimization problems, with a focus on organ transplantation and other healthcare applications.	October 2018 - present
	<b>Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow</b> 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.	July 2019 - present
EDUCATION	<b>PhD, Applied Mathematics (Advanced Data Science option)</b> University of Washington, Seattle WA Dissertation: Robust dynamic optimization: theory and applications Advisor: Archis Ghatge	August 2018
	<b>MS, Applied Mathematics</b> University of Washington, Seattle WA	March 2015
	<b>MS, Mathematics</b> TIFR Centre for Applicable Mathematics, Bangalore, India	July 2013
	<b>BS (Honors), Mathematics</b> St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India	June 2011
PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS	5. Relaxations and duality for multiobjective integer programming (A. Dunbar**, <b>S. Sinha</b> , A.J. Schaefer) <i>Submitted to Mathematical Programming</i> . <i>Finalist for the INFORMS Undergraduate Operations Research Prize, 2020</i> 4. Approximate policy iteration for robust countable-state Markov decision processes ( <b>S. Sinha</b> , A. Ghatge) <i>Under second review at Operations Research</i> . 3. Characterizing rational transplant program response to outcome-based regulation (D. Mildebrath*, T. Lee, <b>S. Sinha</b> , A.J. Schaefer, A.O. Gaber) <i>To appear in Operations Research</i> . 2. Policy iteration for robust nonstationary Markov decision processes ( <b>S. Sinha</b> , A. Ghatge) <i>Optimization Letters</i> , Vol 10(8), 1613-1628 2016. 1. Robust response-guided dosing ( <b>S. Sinha</b> , J. Kotas, A. Ghatge) <i>Operations Research Letters</i> , Vol 44(3), 394-399 2016.	
WORKING PAPERS	4. A robust multi-period Newsvendor model with inventory balance constraints ( <b>S. Sinha</b> , M.R. Wagner, A. Ghatge) <i>Target journal: Operations Research</i> 3. Incentives in outcome-based regulation for solid organ transplantation (D. Mildebrath <b>S. Sinha</b> , T. Lee, A.J. Schaefer, H.J. Huang, A.O. Gaber) 2. Leveraging programmatic risk assessment to increase transplant access ( <b>S. Sinha</b> , D. Mildebrath*, A.J. Schaefer, H.J. Huang, A.O. Gaber) 1. Duality for countably infinite integer programs (R. Schellenberger**, <b>S. Sinha</b> , A.J. Schaefer)	

\* denotes a graduate student in my postdoc research group, and \*\* denotes an undergraduate student I supervised.



**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 Olympiad, Seattle, *May 2016*
- Math Moves, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, *March 2016*
- Mathcounts, *February 2015*
- Math Hour Olympiad, *June 2014 & June 2015*
- 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
- Relaxation and duality for multiobjective integer programming  
INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2020 (Virtual)  
Texas Women in Math Symposium, February 2022 (planned)
- 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

#### WORKSHOPS & VISITS

- Rising Stars 2020 at University of Texas, Austin - *October 2020 (Virtual)*
- Industrial Mathematics Workshop 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 MEMBERSHIPS

- Institute for Operations Research & Management Sciences (INFORMS)
- INFORMS Forum for Women in OR/MS (WORMS)
- Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

SELECTED COURSEWORK

- Linear Programming & Game Theory	- Introduction to Data Science
- Optimization in System Sciences	- Computational Methods for Data Analysis
- Mathematical Programming	- Machine Learning
- Integer Programming	- Econometrics
- Network Optimization	- Data Visualization

SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS

- Mapping dengue vulnerability in Peru, *Data Visualization*, Spring 2018
- 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)  
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