

Curriculum Vitae

Saumya Sinha

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Healthcare systems, organ transplantation, optimization under uncertainty, robust optimization, dynamic programming.	
CURRENT AFFILIATION	Postdoctoral Research Associate 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 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.	October 2018 - present July 2019 - present
EDUCATION	PhD, Applied Mathematics (minor in Advanced Data Science) University of Washington, Seattle WA Dissertation: Robust dynamic optimization: theory and applications Advisor: Archis Ghatge MS, Applied Mathematics University of Washington, Seattle WA MS, Mathematics TIFR Centre for Applicable Mathematics, Bangalore, India BS (Honors), Mathematics St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India	August 2018 March 2015 July 2013 June 2011
PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Incentives in outcome-based regulation for solid organ transplantation (D. Mildebrath, S. Sinha, T. Lee, A.J. Schaefer, H.J. Huang, A.O. Gaber) <i>Submitted to Management Science</i>.6. Relaxations and duality for multiobjective integer programming (A. Dunbar, S. Sinha, A.J. Schaefer) <i>Submitted to Mathematical Programming</i>. <i>Finalist for the INFORMS Undergraduate Operations Research Prize, 2020</i>5. A robust multi-period Newsvendor model with inventory balance constraints (S. Sinha, M.R. Wagner, A. Ghatge) <i>In preparation, target journal: Operations Research</i>4. Approximate policy iteration for robust countable-state Markov decision processes (S. Sinha, A. Ghatge) <i>Under second review at Operations Research</i>.3. Characterizing rational transplant program response to outcome-based regulation (D. Mildebrath, T. Lee, S. Sinha, A.J. Schaefer, A.O. Gaber) <i>Under third review at Operations Research</i>.2. Policy iteration for robust nonstationary Markov decision processes (S. Sinha, A. Ghatge) <i>Optimization Letters</i>, Vol 10(8), 1613-1628 2016.1. Robust response-guided dosing (S. Sinha, J. Kotas, A. Ghatge) <i>Operations Research Letters</i>, Vol 44(3), 394-399 2016.	

WORKING PAPERS	<p>2. Leveraging programmatic risk assessment to increase transplant access (S. Sinha, D. Mildebrath, A.J. Schaefer, H.J. Huang, A.O. Gaber)</p> <p>1. Duality for countably infinite integer programs (R. Schellenberger, S. Sinha, A.J. Schaefer)</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Instructor, Rice University, Houston.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a new Masters course on OR in healthcare - <i>Spring 2022 (planned)</i> <p>Instructor, University of Washington, Seattle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applied linear algebra and numerical analysis - <i>Summer 2018 & Summer 2017</i> - Introduction to differential equations and applications - <i>Spring 2018</i> - Partial differential equations and waves - <i>Spring 2017</i> <p>Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vector calculus and complex variables - <i>Fall 2017 & Fall 2015</i> - Computational methods for data analysis - <i>Winter 2017</i> - Methods for partial differential equations - <i>Spring 2016</i> - Introduction to continuous mathematical modeling - <i>Summer & Winter 2015</i> - Applied linear algebra and numerical analysis - <i>Summer 2015</i> - Introduction to differential equations and applications - <i>Summer 2015</i> - Advanced methods for partial differential equations - <i>Spring 2015</i> - Algebra with applications - <i>Fall & Winter 2014</i> - Calculus with analytic geometry II - <i>Fall 2013</i>
RESEARCH MENTORSHIP	<p>Student supervision, Rice University, Houston Since November 2018 Working with undergraduate students on individual research projects.</p> <p>Graduate mentor, University of Washington, Seattle Spring 2018 Independently supervised an undergraduate student in a reading course as part of the ‘Women in Applied Math Mentorship’ Program. <i>Topic</i>: Choice modeling and its application to airline network management</p> <p>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.</p>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & OUTREACH	<p>Officer for the INFORMS Forum for Women in Operations Research and Management Sciences (WORMS), since 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretary, 2020 - Vice-President of Communications, 2021-2022 <p>Session Chair at INFORMS Annual Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>Mentor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WORMS Mentorship Program, 2018 and 2021 - ‘Women in Applied Math Mentorship’ Program, University of Washington, 2018 <p>Panelist on a ‘Careers in Mathematics’ panel for undergraduate students in mathematical sciences, Rice University, December 2020</p>

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

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)
- 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.
- SAMSI Optimization Summer School at Statistical & Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute - *August 2016*
- Software Carpentry Workshop at University of Washington - *January 2015*

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES	Member of:	
	• Institute for Operations Research & Management Sciences (INFORMS)	2015 - present
	• INFORMS Forum for Women in OR/MS (WORMS)	2016 - present
	• Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics (SIAM)	2013 - 2019
	• University of Washington Student Chapter of SIAM	2013 - 2018
SELECTED COURSEWORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimization in System Sciences - Mathematical Programming - Network Optimization - Integer Programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Machine Learning - Computational Methods for Data Analysis - Econometrics - Data Visualization
SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping dengue vulnerability in Peru, <i>Data Visualization</i>, Spring 2018 • Airline revenue management using mixed-integer programming, <i>Integer Programming</i>, Winter 2017 • Binary classification using Stochastic Dual Coordinate Ascent, <i>Machine Learning</i>, Fall 2016 • Influence of food access and poverty on obesity, <i>Introduction to Data Science</i>, Fall 2015 	
REFERENCES	<p>Andrew Schaefer (Postdoctoral advisor) Noah Harding Chair and Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University, Houston, andrew.schaefer@rice.edu</p> <p>Archis Ghate (PhD advisor) Professor and Associate Chair, Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Washington, Seattle, archis@uw.edu</p> <p>Michael R. Wagner Associate Professor of Operations Management, Foster School of Business, University of Washington, Seattle, mrwagner@uw.edu</p>	

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