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Education

Ph.D. in Machine Learning. **2019 – Present**
School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)
GPA: 4.19/4.33
Advisors: Zachary Lipton, Sivaraman Balakrishnan
Awards: JP Morgan AI PhD Fellowship, Amazon Graduate Research Fellowship

Bachelors (with honors) in Computer Science and Engineering. **2014 – 2018**
Minor in Applied Statistics and Informatics,
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay
GPA: 9.51/10.0
Awards: Excellence in Research Award (1 among 100 students), Institute Academic Award

Selected Research & Publications

Overview: Published >20 papers (five competitive oral and spotlight presentations awards) and 2 journal papers in machine learning and its applications in venues such as NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, EMNLP and MICCAI. Work in my main line of research includes:

RLSbench: Investigating Domain Adaptation Methods Under Relaxed Label Shift. Saurabh Garg, Nick Erickson, James Sharpnack, Alex Smola, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary C. Lipton

Domain Adaptation under Open Set Label Shift. Saurabh Garg, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton. ICML SCIS Workshop, 2022. NeurIPS 2022.

Leveraging Unlabeled data to Predict Out-of-Distribution Performance. Saurabh Garg, Siva Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton, Behnam Neyshabur, Hanie Sedghi. NeurIPS DistShift Workshop 2021. ICLR 2022.

RATT: Leveraging Unlabeled Data to obtain Generalization Guarantees. Saurabh Garg, Zico Kolter, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton. ICLR Robust ML Workshop, 2021. *ICML 2021 (**Long Oral**).*

Mixture Proportion Estimation and PU Learning: A Modern Approach. Saurabh Garg, Yifan Wu, Alex Smola, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton. *ICML UDL Workshop, 2021. NeurIPS 2021 (**Spotlight**).*

A Unified View of Label Shift Estimation. Saurabh Garg, Yifan Wu, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton. *ICML UDL Workshop, 2020 (**Oral**). NeurIPS 2020.*

Selected Awards & Honors

JP Morgan PhD Research Fellowship	2022-23
Amazon Graduate Research Fellowship	2022-23
Top Reviewer Award, NeurIPS	2022
Invited to attend Deep Learning Theory Summer School at Princeton (remote)	2021
Excellence in Research Award (1 among 110 students) from CSE dept, IIT Bombay	2018
Undergraduate Research Award, IIT Bombay	2018
Institute Academic Award, IIT Bombay	2015
All India Rank 93 in JEE Main (out of 1.4 million)	2014
All India Rank 154 in JEE Advanced (out of 126k)	2014

Work Experience

Amazon AWS **Santa Clara, CA (remote)**
Student Researcher under Alex Smola May '22 – ongoing

· Investigating domain adaptation methods under relaxed label shift

Google Brain **Mountain View, CA (remote)**

Student Researcher under Hanie Sedghi and Behnam Neyshabur Sept '21 – Dec '21

Research Intern under Hanie Sedghi and Behnam Neyshabur June '21 – Aug '21

· Real-world machine learning deployments are characterized by mismatches between the training and test distributions that may cause performance drops. Developed a method for predicting the target domain accuracy using only labeled source data and unlabeled target data.

Samsung Research HQ **Suwon, South Korea**

Research Engineer Sept. '18 – July '19

Research Intern May '17 – July '17

· Explored AI-based decision making and close loop automation policies for intelligent 5G network deployment. Developed a RL framework for self-learning algorithms that are able to learn the network behaviour.

Microsoft Research **Banglore, India**

Research Intern with Sunayana Sitaram Dec '17

· Lack of conversational monolingual Hindi text is a major issue in building a powerful Language Model

· Developed a robust transliteration system to utilize large amounts of Roman text data from the web.

Publications

Pre-print/Workshop

P5. **RLSbench: Investigating Domain Adaptation Methods Under Relaxed Label Shift**
Saurabh Garg, Nick Erickson, James Sharpnack, Alex Smola, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary C. Lipton
Short version at NeurIPS Workshop on Distribution Shifts (DistShift), 2022
Longer version under submission

P4. **CHiLS: Zero-shot Image Classification with Hierarchical Label Sets**
Zachary Novack*, **Saurabh Garg***, Zachary C. Lipton
Under Submission

P3. **Downstream Datasets Make Surprisingly Good Upstream Corpora**
Kundan Krishna, **Saurabh Garg**, Jefferey Bigham, Zachary C. Lipton
Short version at NeurIPS Workshop on Transfer Learning for NLP, 2022
Longer version under submission

P2. **Disentangling the Mechanisms Behind Implicit Regularization in SGD**
Zachary Novack, Simran Kaur, Tanya Marwah, **Saurabh Garg**, Zachary Lipton
Spotlight at NeurIPS Workshop on The Benefits of Higher-Order Optimization in Machine Learning, 2022
Longer version under submission

P1. **Deconstructing Distributions: A Pointwise Framework of Learning Performance**
Gal Kaplun*, Nikhil Ghosh*, **Saurabh Garg**, Boaz Barak, Preetum Nakkiran
Short version at NeurIPS Workshop on Distribution Shifts (DistShift), 2022
Longer version under submission

Conference

C11. **Domain Adaptation under Open Set Label Shift**
Saurabh Garg, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton
Advances in Neural Information Processing (NeurIPS), 2022
ICML Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability (SCIS), 2022

C10. **Unsupervised Learning under Latent Label Shift**

Manley Roberts*, Pranav Mani*, **Saurabh Garg**, Zachary C. Lipton
Advances in Neural Information Processing (NeurIPS), 2022
ICML Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability (SCIS), 2022

C9. **Characterizing Datapoints via Second-Split Forgetting**
Pratyush Maini, **Saurabh Garg**, Zachary Lipton, Zico Kolter
Advances in Neural Information Processing (NeurIPS), 2022
Spotlight at ICML Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability (SCIS), 2022

C8. **Leveraging Unlabeled Data to Predict Out-of-Distribution Performance**
Saurabh Garg, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton, Behnam Neyshabur, Hanie Sedghi [Paper]
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2022
NeurIPS Workshop on Distribution Shift (DistShift), 2021

C7. **Mixture Proportion Estimation and PU Learning: A Modern Approach**
Saurabh Garg, Yifan Wu, Alex Smola, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton [Paper]
Spotlight at Advances in Neural Information Processing (NeurIPS), 2021
ICML Workshop on Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning (UDL), 2021

C6. **RATT: Leveraging Unlabeled Data to obtain Generalization Guarantees**
Saurabh Garg, Zico Kolter, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton [Paper]
Long Talk at International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML), 2021
ICLR Workshop on Robust Machine Learning (RobustML), 2021

C5. **On Proximal Policy Optimization's Heavy-Tailed Gradients**
Saurabh Garg, Joshua Zhanson, Emilio Parisotto, Adarsh Prasad, Zico Kolter, Zachary Lipton, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Ruslan Salakhutdinov, Pradeep Ravikumar [Paper]
International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML), 2021
ICLR Workshop on Science and Engineering of Deep Learning (SEDL), 2021

C4. **A Unified View of Label Shift Estimation**
Saurabh Garg, Yifan Wu, Sivaraman Balakrishnan, Zachary Lipton [Paper]
Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2020
Contributed Talk at ICML Workshop on Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning (UDL), 2020

C3. **Code-Switched Language models using Dual RNNs and Same-Source Pretraining**
Saurabh Garg[*], Tanmay Parekh[*], Preethi Jyothi [Paper] ([*] joint first authors)
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2018

C2. **Uncertainty Estimation in Segmentation with Perfect MCMC Sampling in Bayesian MRFs**
Saurabh Garg, Suyash Awate [Paper]
Medical Image Computing & Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2018

C1. **Dual Language Models for Code Mixed Speech Recognition**
Saurabh Garg, Tanmay Parekh, Preethi Jyothi [Paper]
Interspeech 2018 (19th Annual Conference of ISCA)

Journal

J2. **Estimating Uncertainty in MRF-based Image Segmentation: An Exact-MCMC Approach**
Suyash Awate[*], **Saurabh Garg**[*], Rohit Jena[*] [Paper] ([*]alphabetic ordering)
Medical Image Analysis (MedIA) Journal, 2019

J1. **Neural Architecture for Question Answering Using a Knowledge Graph and Web Corpus**
Uma Sawant, **Saurabh Garg**, Soumen Chakrabarti, Ganesh Ramakrishnan [Paper]
Information Retrieval Journal, 2019
Invited Oral Talk at European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR), 2020

Invited Talks

Domain Adaptation under Structural Distribution Shift

· ML Theory seminar at Princeton May' 22

· ML Seminar at IIT Bombay July' 22

Leveraging Unlabeled Data to Predict Out-of-Distribution Performance

· Google Brain Deep Phenomena Group Nov '21

· Carnegie Mellon University Nov '21

Mixture Proportion Estimation and PU Learning: A Modern Approach

· Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems Dec '21

· Carnegie Mellon University Sept '21

RATT: Leveraging Unlabeled Data to obtain Generalization Guarantees

· IIT Bombay Oct '21

· International Conference on Machine Learning 2021 July '21

· Google Brain Deep Phenomena Group June '21

· Carnegie Mellon University (Andrej's Reading Group) June '21

On Proximal Policy Optimization's Heavy-Tailed Gradients

· ICLR Workshop on Science and Engineering of Deep Learning (SEDL) April '21

· Carnegie Mellon University (Zico's Reading Group) June '21

Unified View of Label Shift Estimation

· ICML Workshop on Uncertainty and Deep Learning Workshop (UDL) 2020 July '20

Neural Architecture for Question Answering using KG and Corpus

· European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR) 2020 April '20

Uncertainty Estimation with Perfect MCMC Sampling

· IIT Bombay Seminar April '18

Code-Switched Language models

· IIT Bombay Seminar April '18

· Microsoft Research Labs, India Dec '17

Approximation algorithms for weighted b-Matching

· Purdue University July '16

Mentorship

Bachelors in Computer Science, CMU student: Zachary Novack 2021 – ongoing
CHiLS: Zero-shot Image Classification with Hierarchical Label Sets *(under submission)*
Understanding properties of stochastic gradient noise in deep learning *(Accepted at NeurIPS Workshop on Higher-order Optimization, 2022)*

MS in Machine Learning, CMU, Students: Pranav Mani and Manley Roberts 2022 – ongoing
Unsupervised Learning under Latent Label Shift *(Accepted at NeurIPS 2022)*

Ph.D. in Machine Learning, CMU, Student: Pratyush Maini 2021–2022
Characterizing Datapoints via Second-Split Forgetting *(Accepted at NeurIPS 2022)*

Academic Service

Workshop Organizer Principles of Distribution Shift (PODS) Workshop at ICML 2022.

Reviewer. NeurIPS (2021, 2022), ICML (2021, 2022), ICLR (2022, 2023), EMNLP (2019, 2020), ACL (2020, 2021), NACL (2021), TMLR (2022).

Ph.D. Admission's Committee. Machine Learning Department, CMU, 2023-21

Teaching

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Carnegie Mellon University

- Advanced Introduction to Machine Learning, Prof. Nihar Shah — Fall 2021
- Theory of Machine Learning, Prof. Pradeep Ravikumar — Spring 2022

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, IIT Bombay

- Introduction to Machine Learning, Prof. Preethi Jyothi — Spring 2018
- Data Analysis and Interpretation, Prof. Suyash Awate — Autumn 2017
- Computer Programming and Utilisation, Prof. Sunita Sarawagi — Spring 2017
- Computer Programming and Utilisation, Prof. Benard Menezes — Autumn 2016

Selected Coursework

Carnegie Mellon University: Advanced Introduction to Machine Learning (A+), Intermediate Statistics (A+), Advanced Statistical Theory 1 (A+), Convex Opt. (A+), Advanced Machine Learning Theory (A)

IIT Bombay: Web Search and Mining (AA), Organization of Web Information (AA), Optimization (AA), Artificial Intelligence (AA), Automatic Speech Recognition (AA), Linear Algebra (AA), Numerical Analysis (AA), Operating Systems (AA), Compilers (AP), Automata theory and logic (AA)