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EDUCATION University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

> Ph.D., Computer Science, 2013 - 2018 Advisors: Dana Nau, Tom Goldstein

Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

B.E., Computer Science & Engineering, 2009 - 2013

Professional EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist at DeepMind, Google UK September 2018 - Present Research in machine learning with emphasis on optimization, generalization and adversarial robustness of models.

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Research Intern at DeepMind, Google UK June-Oct 2017 Research in automated optimization methods for training neural networks.

Research Intern at Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago May-July 2012 Research in learning subword units for automatic speech recognition systems.

JOURNAL **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. Joshua Conrad Jackson, Michele Gelfand, Soham De, and Amber Fox. loosening of American culture over 200 years is associated with a creativity-order trade-off. Nature Human Behaviour, 2019.
- 2. Soham De, Michele Gelfand, Dana Nau and Patrick Roos. The Inevitability of Ethnocentrism Revisited: Ethnocentrism Diminishes As Mobility Increases. Scientific Reports, 2015. (Impact Factor: 5.525)

Conference **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. Krishnamurthy Dvijotham, Robert Stanforth, Soham De, Sven Gowal, Chongli Qin, Pushmeet Kohli. Scaling tight relaxations for neural network verification. UAI, 2019. (Oral; Acceptance Rate: 7.7%)
- 2. Soham De, Dana S. Nau, Xinyue Pan, and Michele J. Gelfand. Tipping Points for Norm Change in Human Cultures. SBP-BRiMS (Short Paper), 2018.
- 3. Soham De*, Hao Li*, Zheng Xu, Christoph Studer, Hanan Samet and Tom Goldstein, Training Quantized Nets: A Deeper Understanding. NIPS 2017 (* denotes equal contribution). (Acceptance Rate: 20.9%)
- 4. Soham De, Abhay Yadav, David Jacobs and Tom Goldstein. Automated Inference with Adaptive Batches. AISTATS, 2017. (Oral; Acceptance Rate: 5.2%)
- 5. Soham De, Dana Nau and Michele Gelfand. Understanding Norm Change: An Evolutionary Game-Theoretic Study. AAMAS, 2017. (Oral; Acceptance Rate: 21.3%)
- 6. Carlos Castillo*, Soham De*, Xintong Han*, Bharat Singh*, Abhay Kumar Yadav* and Tom Goldstein. Son of Zorn's Lemma: Targeted Style Transfer Using Instanceaware Semantic Segmentation. ICASSP, 2017 (* denotes equal contribution).

- 7. Siddharth Pal, Soham De, Tanmoy Chakraborty and Ralucca Gera. Visibility of Nodes in Network Growth Models. NetSciX, 2017. (Oral)
- 8. Soham De and Tom Goldstein. Efficient Distributed SGD with Variance Reduction. ICDM, 2016. (Oral; Acceptance Rate: 8.5%)
- 9. Bharat Singh, Soham De, Yangmuzi Zhang, Tom Goldstein and Gavin Taylor. Layer-Specific Adaptive Learning Rates for Deep Networks. ICMLA, 2015.
- Zahra Ashktorab, Srijan Kumar, Soham De, and Jennifer Golbeck. iAnon: Leveraging Social Network Big Data to Mitigate Behavioral Symptoms of Cyberbullying. iConference (Social Media Expo), 2014.
- 11. Soham De, Indradyumna Roy, Tarunima Prabhakar, Kriti Suneja, Sourish Chaudhuri, Rita Singh and Bhiksha Raj. *Plagiarism Detection in Polyphonic Music Using Monaural Signal Separation*. Interspeech, 2012.

WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Samuel Smith, Erich Elsen and Soham De. *Momentum Enables Large Batch Training*. ICML Workshop on Theoretical Physics for Deep Learning, 2019.
- 2. Amitabh Basu, Soham De, Anirbit Mukherjee and Enayat Ullah. Convergence guarantees for RMSProp and ADAM in non-convex optimization and their comparison to Nesterov acceleration on autoencoders. ICML Workshop on Modern Trends in Nonconvex Optimization for Machine Learning, 2018.
- 3. Soham De*, Hao Li*, Zheng Xu, Christoph Studer, Hanan Samet and Tom Goldstein, Towards a Deeper Understanding of Training Quantized Neural Networks. ICML Workshop on Principled Approaches to Deep Learning (PADL) 2017 (* denotes equal contribution). (Acceptance Rate: 20.9%)
- 4. Soham De, Tom Goldstein. CentralVR: A framework for variance-reduced distributed optimization. AAAI 2017 Workshop on Distributed Machine Learning.
- 5. Zheng Xu, Soham De, Mario A. T. Figueiredo, Christoph Studer, Tom Goldstein. An Empirical Study of ADMM for Nonconvex Problems. NIPS 2016 Workshop on Nonconvex Optimization for Machine Learning: Theory and Practice.
- 6. Doug Burdick, Soham De, Louiqa Raschid, Mingchao Shao, Zheng Xu, Elena Zotkina. resMBS: Constructing a Financial Supply Chain from Prospectus. Second International Workshop on Data Science for Macro-Modeling, ACM, 2016.

Awards

Fellowships

Future of Information Alliance Fellowship
Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park
2013-15

Paper Awards

• Best Student Paper at ICML Workshop on Principled Approaches to DL 2017

Other Awards

AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science
KVPY (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana) Scholar
2016-19
2008-09

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park

Algorithms (Instructor: Clyde Kruskal) Spring 2014 & Fall 2013 Computational Game Theory (Instructor: Dana Nau) Fall 2014 Discrete Structures (Instructor: Tom Goldstein) Fall 2016, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

SERVICE Reviewer at: NIPS 2016, ICML 2019, Neurips 2019, ICLR 2020