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RESEARCH INTERESTS I am broadly interested in Deep Learning on Graphs and Natural Language Processing. My recent research has focused on learning and inference over graphs, knowledge graph completion and representation learning of molecules and materials.

EDUCATION **Indian Institute of Technology**, Kharagpur, India 2012 – 2016
B.Tech in Electronics and Electrical Communication CGPA: 8.98/10
Minor in Computer Science CGPA: 8.92/10

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS [1] [Soumya Sanyal](#)*, Shikhar Vashishth*, Vikram Nitin, and Partha Talukdar. **Composition-based Multi-Relational Graph Convolutional Networks**. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR-2020)*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. [[Paper](#)]

[2] [Soumya Sanyal](#)*, Shikhar Vashishth*, Vikram Nitin, Nilesh Agrawal, and Partha Talukdar. **InteractE: Improving Convolution-based Knowledge Graph Embeddings by Increasing Feature Interactions**. *Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-2020)*, New York, USA. [[Paper](#) | [Code](#)]

[3] Ekagra Ranjan, [Soumya Sanyal](#), and Partha Talukdar. **ASAP: Adaptive Structure Aware Pooling for Learning Hierarchical Graph Representations**. *Thirty-Fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-2020)*, New York, USA. [[Paper](#) | [Code](#)]

REFEREED WORKSHOP PAPERS [4] [Soumya Sanyal](#), Janakiraman Balachandran, Naganand Yadati, Abhishek Kumar, Padmini Rajagopalan, Suchismita Sanyal, and Partha Talukdar. **MT-CGCNN: Integrating Crystal Graph Convolutional Neural Network with Multitask Learning for Material Property Prediction**. *NeurIPS 2018 Workshop on Machine Learning for Molecules and Materials*, Montreal, Canada. [[Paper](#) | [Code](#)]

PREPRINTS [5] Zhiqing Sun*, Shikhar Vashishth*, [Soumya Sanyal](#)*, Partha Talukdar, and Yiming Yang. **A Re-evaluation of Knowledge Graph Completion Methods**. *under submission in ACL-2020*. [[Paper](#)]

EMPLOYMENT **Indian Institute Science**, Bangalore, India Aug 2018 – Present
Research Assistant, MALL Lab
Hosted by Prof. Partha Talukdar, Department of Computational and Data Sciences, IISc (supported by Shell grant). Worked on graph neural networks and its applications in knowledge graph completion, protein modeling and material discovery.

Goldman Sachs Services Private Limited, Bangalore, India Jun 2016 – Jul 2018
Senior Analyst, Equities Risk Management
Part of the global team responsible for developing and managing the risk infrastructure of the equities desk. Worked on financial risk modeling, risk engines and risk monitoring.

RESEARCH PROJECTS **InteractE: Improving Convolution-based Knowledge Graph Embeddings by Increasing Feature Interactions**
Advisor: Prof. Partha Talukdar, IISc Jan 2019 – Mar 2019

- Accepted as a long paper in AAAI 2020.
- Established that increasing feature interactions improves KG Link Prediction performance.
- Proposed a method that systematically increased interactions between node and relation embeddings and achieved superior performance on multiple Knowledge Graph datasets.

ASAP: Adaptive Structure Aware Pooling for Learning Hierarchical Graph Representations

Advisor: Prof. Partha Talukdar, IISc

Jun 2019 – Aug 2019

- Accepted as a long paper in AAAI 2020.
- Designed a sparse, hierarchical pooling operator for graphs that used attention to effectively cluster the nodes for graph pooling.
- Proposed a novel graph convolution formulation that captures local extremum information in a neighborhood enabling selection of important nodes while pooling.
- Achieved state of the art performance on 5 graph classification datasets.

Composition-based Multi-Relational Graph Convolutional Networks

Advisor: Prof. Partha Talukdar, IISc

Apr 2019 – May 2019

- Accepted as a long paper in ICLR 2020.
- Proposed a generalized graph neural network framework for multi-relational graphs that can leverage existing Knowledge Graph embedding techniques.
- Demonstrated the effectiveness of the formulation on multiple node classification, graph classification, and link prediction datasets.

ProteinGCN: Protein model quality assessment using Graph Convolution networks

*Advisors: Prof. David Baker, University of Washington and
Prof. Partha Talukdar, IISc*

Feb 2019 – Present

- Formulating a graph neural network to accurately estimate the quality of protein models.
- Work done in collaboration with The Baker Lab, University of Washington.

Accurate and transferable deep learning models to predict potential energy surface of crystals: A case study on Alumina polymorphs

*Advisors: Prof. Umesh Waghmare, JNCASR and
Prof. Partha Talukdar, IISc*

Dec 2018 – Nov 2019

- Developed a graph neural network that effectively models Potential Energy Surfaces of crystals.
- Studied transferability of the model across scales, environmental conditions (temperature), and different crystallographic polymorphs.
- Work done in collaboration with Shell, Bangalore, India.

MT-CGCNN: Integrating Crystal Graph Convolutional Neural Network with Multitask Learning for Material Property Prediction

Advisor: Prof. Partha Talukdar, IISc

Aug 2018 – Nov 2018

- Published in NeurIPS 2018 workshop on Machine Learning for Molecules and Materials.
- Proposed a graph neural network based multi-tasking framework that effectively predicts multiple material properties.
- Work done in collaboration with Shell, Bangalore, India.

Plagiarism detection in programming codes using Tree kernel methods

Advisor: Prof. Pawan Goyal, IIT Kharagpur

Sep 2015 – Nov 2015

- Implemented a subtree matching algorithm that utilized Abstract Syntax Tree of codes to detect plagiarism.
- Collaborated with 6 members and secured a top 5 position among 29 teams in NLP term project.
[\[Slides\]](#) | [Code](#)

SKILLS

Languages: Python, C++, C, Java, R, JavaScript, AJAX, NodeJS, MatLab, bash

DL Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras

HONORS AND AWARDS

Shell travel grant for attending NeurIPS 2018, Montreal, Canada	2018
Secured 617 rank (among approximately 0.50 million aspirants) in IIT-JEE	2012
Awarded KVPY scholarships, granted to approximately top 300 meritorious students	2012
Was in top 1% of total aspirants in National Standard Examination in Physics (NSEP)	2011
Was in top 1% of total aspirants in National Standard Examination in Astronomy (NSEA)	2011
3 rd rank among 10,000 students in Inter DPS Science & Mathematics Talent Search Exam	2009
Awarded National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) Scholarship by NCERT	2008