Srihari Ganesh

Education

Harvard University May 2024
Master of Arts (AM) in Statistics *GPA: 4.0*

- Graduate Coursework: Machine Learning (MIT), Reinforcement Learning, Probability, Bayesian Data Analysis, Statistical Inference.

Bachelor of Arts (AB) in Chemical & Physical Biology and Mathematics *GPA: 4.0*

- Quantitative Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Differential Geometry, Real Analysis, Group Theory.
- Natural Sciences Coursework: Physical Biochemistry, Physical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Cellular Biology.
- Activities: Cambridge Afterschool Program volunteer tutor, Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra percussionist.
- Awards: Phi Beta Kappa Junior 24 (top 24 of class), John Harvard Scholar (top 5% of class), Detur Book Prize.

Research Experience

Undergraduate Computational Biology Researcher February 2023 – present
MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory *Advisors: Prof. Regina Barzilay (EECS)*

- Developing denoising diffusion probabilistic models (DDPMs) in PyTorch for symmetric protein complex generation.
- 2023 Herchel Smith Undergraduate Science Research Program fellow.

Undergraduate Computational Biology Researcher March 2022 – January 2023
Harvard Medical School *Advisor: Prof. Debora Marks (Systems Biology)*

- Used Potts mixture models to cluster a multiple sequence alignment (MSA) and perform direct coupling analysis.
- Implemented expectation-maximization (EM) using Python and the PLMC evolutionary couplings pipeline.
- Found that EM algorithm was not better than baseline on biological system across hyperparameter sweep.
- 2022 Summer Harvard College Research Program (HCRP) fellow. Submitted written report of findings.

Undergraduate Systems Biology Researcher December 2020 – August 2021
Harvard University Molecular & Cellular Biology *Advisor: Prof. Philippe Cluzel (MCB, Applied Physics)*

- Experimentally showed that *E. coli* strains of varied protein burden can coexist in long-term stationary phase (LTSP).
- Computationally implemented a differential equations simulation in Python for LTSP evolutionary dynamics.
- Hypothesized that oscillating protein burden allows strains of high and low average burdens to coexist.
- 2021 Program for Research in Science and Engineering (PRISE) fellow. Presented findings at summer symposium.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow *Computer Science 181: Machine Learning* January 2023 – May 2023
Statistics 110: Introduction to Probability (Fall term) September 2021 – present

- Plan and teach weekly review session (recitation) and office hours. Grade problem sets and exams.
- Statistics 110: Rated 4.95/5 by 21 students, received Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.
- Computer Science 181: Rated 5/5 by 11 students.

Course Assistant *Chemistry 20 & 30: Organic Chemistry* January 2022 – December 2022

- Hosted weekly office hours. Guided students during lecture breakout sessions.

Leadership

Co-President *Group for Undergraduates in Statistics at Harvard (GUSH)* May 2022 – April 2023

- Led board of 15 undergraduates in promoting community in the Harvard Statistics department.
- Organized women's panel with 30 attendees. Flew in panelists and introduced small-group dinner with panelist.
- Organized annual mentorship program between students and processed reimbursements.
- Organized pre-semester Zoom courses panels and R workshops with over 40 attendees.