Srinivasan Sivanandan

Education

2011-2016 B.Tech, M.Tech (Dual Degree) in Biotechnology and Biochemical Engineering,

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur,

Minor in Chemical Engineering

Micro-specialization in Biomedical Devices and Instrumentation.

CGPA - 9.21/10 (Till 8th semester)

2011 Senior Secondary School Examination, (C.B.S.E.),

Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Senior Secondary School, Chennai.

Score - 95.4%

2009 Secondary School Examination, (C.B.S.E.),

The Hindu Colony Chellammal Vidyalaya, Senior Secondary School, Chennai. Score – 96.8%

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Research Interests

- 1. Computational Cancer Genomics
- 2. Machine Learning Algorithms for Protein Bioinformatics
- 3. Web Applications & Database Systems
- 4. Data Science and Analysis

Awards & Achievements

- 2015 Awarded MITACS Globalink Research Fellowship 2015 Toronto, Canada
- 2014 Awarded University of Alberta Research Experience (U ARE) fellowship for a research internship of 10 weeks
- 2015 Selected as a delegate for the panel Health & Social Policy in Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations
- 2011 Awarded the esteemed KVPY Scholarship by Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India (top 300/1 lakh applicants)
- 2014 Selected for DAAD-WISE Research Fellowship 2014, 2015 and Indian Academy of Science Fellowship 2014
- 2011 Amongst top 1% students in National Standard Examination in Chemistry (NSEC) & selected for INChO
- 2015 Selected for prestigious Khorana Program for an exchange program in the United States of America
- 2009 Selected for CBSE Merit Certificate in Science for being in top (0.1%) in Class 10 Board examination

Publications

[1] Srinivasan Sivanandan and Athi N. Naganathan. A disorder-induced domino-like destabilization mechanism governs the folding and functional dynamics of the repeat protein ikba. *PLoS Comput Biol*, 9(12):e1003403, 12 2013.

Certifications

Jan'15 KPMG Six Sigma - Green Belt Certification

Internships & Research Projects

Master's Thesis Project - Computational Structural Biology Lab, IIT Kharagpur

- '15-'16 **Development of a Meta-classifier for the mapping of RNA binding regions in Human proteome**Guide: Dr. Ranjit Prasad Bahadur, Computational Structural Biology Lab, IIT Kharagpur
 - Filtered the candidate RNA binding proteins from human proteome using a one-class global parameters based filter
 - Currently working on the development of a meta-classifier of existing algorithms for the mapping of RNA binding regions in Human proteome

Summer Research Intern - Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Toronto

May-Jul'15 Pipeline for simulation of heterogenous tumours using BAMsurgeon & Benchmarking of SNV callers Guide: Dr. Paul Boutros, Department of Medical Biophysics, University of Toronto

- Developed a streamlined and configurable pipeline for generating heterogeneous Tumour/Normal pairs using BAMsurgeon in Perl & Python
- Simulated 3 whole genome tumors using the pipeline for ICGC-TCGA DREAM Somatic Mutation Calling - Tumor Heterogeneity Challenge
- Benchmarked the performance of SNV callers(MuTect, SomaticSniper, Strelka and Mutationseq) on the simulated tumours

Bachelor's Thesis Project - Computational Structural Biology Lab, IIT Kharagpur

'14-'15 Sequence based prediction of RNA binding protein residues

Guide: Dr. Ranjit Prasad Bahadur, Department of Biotechnology, IIT Kharagpur

- Developed a Random-forest based machine learning model for the classification of RNA binding regions of a protein using its sequence features and benchmarked the model with existing classification algorithms.
- Analyzed the binding patterns of similar protein sequences binding with multiple dissimilar RNA sequence

Summer Research Intern - University of Alberta, Edmonton

May-Jul'14 Purification of the cellular form of the prion protein from wild type mouse brain

Guide: Dr. Holger Wille, Department of Biochemistry, University of Alberta

- Established an efficient non-immunoaffinity based protocol for purification of cellular isoform of prion protein from FVB mouse brains using Cu2+ Immobilized Metal Affinity Chromatography
- Genotyped end tail samples from transgenic mouse
- Presented poster on Purification of the cellular form of the prion protein from wild type mouse brain in U ARE symposium

Summer Research Intern - Protein Biophysics Lab, IIT Madras

May-Jul'13 Analysis & Modeling of Protein folding kinetics in disordered proteins

Guide: Dr. Athi N. Naganathan, Department of Biotechnology, IIT Madras

- Developed Multi-parameter Folding landscapes of Protein Native Structures using Single Sequence Approximation
- Modelled disorder and binding induced folding systems using an Ising-like WSME model
- Analyzed nature of natively unfolded proteins and simulated their folding kinetics using Monte Carlo method with metropolis criteria

Student Software Projects

Apr'16 AutoMosaic - Automated Mosaicking of Torn Paper Documents

- Designed a novel dynamic programming image processing algorithm for automated mosaicking of torn paper documents optimising the algorithm for higher accuracy and efficiency.
- Developed a software "AutoMosaic" (https://github.com/srinivasans/AutoMosaic) using the designed algorithm in Python

Apr'16 ResCite - Citation Analyser using Microsoft Academic Search API

- \circ Developed an open-source software to search Journal Papers using Microsoft Academic Search API, analyze author citations and bookmark favorites in C#
- ${\tt o\ https://github.com/srinivasans/OpenSoft2013}$

Entrepreneurship

Co-founder & Lead Developer - ReadersNode (1400+ registered users, 2100+ books)

Jan'15 Online platform to Sell, Buy and Share books with people within a locality

- Co-founded ReadersNode (http://readersnode.com), an online platform for selling, buying and renting books on campus and in local communities
- Full-stack development of the website in Object Oriented PHP with Yii Framework, MySQL, JavaScript, JQuery, AJAX & CSS
- Designed a location based searching algorithm and book recommendation system based on user history

Technical Leadership

'13-'15 Captain OpenSoft, Meghnad Saha Hall of Residence

- Led a team of 10 to develop "Graph Visualizer" for OpenSoft 2015 & "AutoMosaic" for OpenSoft 2014
- Won Bronze medal in the event during my tenure as the Captain
- Developed a "ResCite" for windows as a member of OpenSoft team 2013

'13-'14 Web Team Head , Kshitij Asias Largest Techno-Management Fest

- Led a 5 member team to develop and maintain the website, online games and app (http://2014.ktj.in)
- Redesigned and developed online forex and stock market simulation games Woodstock and Forex in Python
- o Organized code base & structured the website into persistent, well extendable components using MVC
- Managed a night long coding event with 76 on-site participants as Tech Head of Overnite

'12-'14 Web Head & Founding team member of Public Relations Cell, IIT Kharagpur

Developed a new layout with additional features for the IIT Kharagpur Campus website (http://iitkgp.ac.in)

'13-'14 General Secretary, Association of Biotechnologists

- Elected as the B.Tech student representative of 250 students of Department of Biotechnology
- Initiated webinar conferences with eminent alumni of department and coordinated designing of department magazine

Relevant Courses

- Programming and Data Structures
- Vector Algebra (Maths II)
- Probability & Statistics
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms
- Computer Software
- Bioinformatics
- Process Modeling and Simulation

- Advanced Calculus (Maths I)
- Partial Differential Equations
- Discrete Structures
- Algorithms Laboratory
- Computational Biophysics
- Computational Structural Biology
- Databases

Online Courses

- Getting & Cleaning Data (Data Science Specialization) by Johns Hopkins University (Coursera)
- Regression Models (Data Science Specialization) by Johns Hopkins University (Coursera)
- Machine Learning by Stanford University (Coursera)
- Introduction to Databases by Stanford University (Stanford Online)
- Machine Learning Foundations A case study based approach University of Washington (Coursera)

Skills

Web Development : HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Object Oriented PHP, AJAX, JQuery, Yii PHP Framework, Django Framework, RESTful API, Agile and Test driven development

Programming & Databases : C , C++, Python, Object Oriented Design, SQL (MySQL & PostgreSQL), Shell Scripting, Perl, Java, R Statistical Programming, MATLAB/Octave, OpenCV, XML & JSON

Bioinformatics: NGS Analysis, Structural analysis of Protein-RNA binding & IDPs, Samtools, Picard, BWA, PyMol, BLAST, NACCESS, STRIDE, STRIDE, HBPlus

Extra-Academic Activities

- 2015 Core team volunteer at International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB) Student Council RSG India
- 2013 Won Silver medal in Inter-hall Eastern Vocals (Vice-captain of team) conducted by Students Gymkhana
- 2013 Won Silver Medal in Ad-design (Advertisement campaign design) 2013 conducted by Students Gymkhana
- 2013-2015 Represented hall of residence in Inter-hall OpenSoft, Data analytics, Eastern Vocals, Eastern Groups & Ad-design events
 - 2012 Tutor Programming & Data Structures Instructed a class of 80 freshmen for a semester
 - 2010 Won Gold medal in district level Design with stamps contest conducted by Indian Postal Department