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Education

University of Michigan

PhD Student in Statistics

Thesis Advisor: Ambuj Tewari

Ann Arbor, MI

2021 - Present

University of Michigan

BSE Computer Science, BSE Chemical Engineering

Thesis Advisors: Mahdi Cheraghchi, Andrej Lenert, Sindhu Kutty

Ann Arbor, MI

2015 - 2020

Publications

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1. S.Hanneke*, S.Moran*, **V.Raman***, U. Subedi*, and A.Tewari. Multiclass Online Learning and Uniform Convergence. *COLT*, 2023.
2. **V.Raman**, U.Subedi, and A.Tewari. Probabilistically Robust PAC Learning. *NeurIPS (ML Safety Workshop)*, 2022. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.05656>
3. **V.Raman**, A.Tewari. Online Agnostic Multiclass Boosting. *NeurIPS*, 2022. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.15113>
4. **V.Raman**, T.Burger, and A.Lenert. Design of thermophotovoltaics for tolerance of parasitic absorption. *Optics Express*, 27(22):31757–31772, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1364/OE.27.031757>

Preprints

*denotes equal contribution

1. A.Raman* **V.Raman***, U.Subedi, and A.Tewari. Multiclass Online Learnability under Bandit Feedback. *Preprint*, 2023. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04620>
2. **V.Raman***, U.Subedi*, and A.Tewari. A Combinatorial Characterization of Online Learning with Bounded Losses. *Preprint*, 2023. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.03816>
3. **V.Raman***, U.Subedi*, and A.Tewari. Online Learning with Set-Valued Feedback. *Preprint*, 2023. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.06247>
4. **V.Raman***, U.Subedi*, and A.Tewari. On the Learnability of Multilabel Ranking. *Preprint*, 2023. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.03337>
5. **V.Raman***, U.Subedi*, and A.Tewari. A Characterization of Multilabel Learnability. *Preprint*, 2023. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.02729>
6. **V.Raman***, D.Zhang*, Y.Jung, and A.Tewari. Online Boosting for Multilabel Ranking with Top- k Feedback. *Preprint*, 2020. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.10937>

Industry Experience

Amazon

Software Engineering Intern

Seattle, WA

May 2021

- Used React to design a mobile user dashboard for the Alexa Fashion team

Wove
Software Engineering Intern

San Francisco, CA
May - Aug. 2019

- Deployed bot-detection mechanism in Java and Ruby to improve the robustness of customer interaction data against web crawlers
- Engineered and deployed Beta distribution priors for estimating click-to-conversion rates of new ad-placements in Java
- Implemented contextual bandit algorithms for improving click-through-rate and helped design an off-policy bandit evaluation framework in Python

Vertex Pharmaceuticals
Data Intern

Boston, MA
May - Aug. 2018

- Built a standalone Matlab GUI automating the extraction, cleaning, visualization, and process control trending of raw continuous manufacturing data from Excel and OSIsoft PI databases
- Achieved a 92% reduction in labor hours in production

Teaching

PhD Math Workshop
Instructor

Ann Arbor, MI
Aug. 2023 - Present

- Teaching a first-year Ph.D. math workshop focused on linear algebra and probability theory

Graduate Student Instructor
Instructor

Ann Arbor, MI
Aug. 2021 - May 2023

- Taught STATS 250, STATS 315, and STATS 507
- Lead an interactive laboratory of 30+ students where I teach introductory statistics concepts
- Designed introductory deep learning course for statistics students

AI4ALL
Instructor

Ann Arbor, MI
May 2021 - Present

- Created interactive lecture material, programming exercises, and fun games on ML topics related to data wrangling and classification
- Lectured and led 30+ highschool on data wrangling and classification
- Developed a novel way of introducing machine learning concepts to students via fill in the blank coding notebooks, and received extremely positive feedback from students

InspiritAI
Instructor

Remote
May 2021 - Present

- Lectured 100+ highschool students across the world on various ML topics including regression, classification, computer vision, and NLP
- Led 100+ highschool students through "AI for social-good" projects, where my students built convolutional neural networks capable of detecting pneumonia from Xrays and emotions from faces.
- Improved curriculum by identifying bugs in coding notebooks and adding information to lecture slides

Awards, Scholarships & Honors

NeurIPS 2022 Scholar Award	2022
Outstanding First-Year Ph.D. Student (University of Michigan)	2022
Departmental Outstanding GSI Team Award (University of Michigan)	2022
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2022
First-year Rackham Fellowship (University of Michigan)	2021
American Statistical Association Best Poster Award (University of Michigan)	2020
Landes Prize in Technical Communication (University of Michigan)	2019
Future Leaders In Chemical Engineering	2018
Bandemer Scholarship (University of Michigan)	2018
Pursley Scholarship (University of Michigan)	2017
A.H. White Scholarship (University of Michigan)	2017
James B. Angell Scholar (University of Michigan)	2017-2019
Dean's List (University of Michigan)	2015-2020

Software

- **Programming:** Python, C++, Java, Javascript, Matlab, React Native
- **Frameworks:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, DialogFlow, MapReduce, Hadoop, Mockito

References

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