

# JIYOUNG PARK

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. in Statistics, Texas A&amp;M University</b>	2021.08 - 2026.08 (expected)
- Advisor: Anirban Bhattacharya.	
- Thesis (tentative): Statistical and computational methods for nonlinear spaces.	
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0	
<b>Master in Mathematics, Texas A&amp;M University</b> (dual degree)	2023.08 - 2025.12
- Advisor: Jonathan W. Siegel.	
- Thesis: Statistical Analyses and minimum norm interpolation for Two-Layer Neural Networks.	
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0	
<b>Bachelor of Science and Arts, Seoul National University</b>	2013.03 - 2020.08
- <b>Major:</b> Statistics, Economics (double). <b>Minor:</b> Computer Science and Engineering.	
- Graduation with honors (Summa cum laude).	
- Completed mandatory military service: 2014.09 - 2016.06.	
- GPA (Overall, Major / Maximum): 3.96, 4.09 / 4.3	

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Statistical Learning Theory, Deep Learning Theory, Approximation Theory, Optimization, Non-Euclidean Statistics, Optimal Transport, Robust Statistics, Information Theory, Algorithmic Statistics.

## PUBLICATIONS

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(\* denotes equal contribution, alphabetically ordered authorship)

### Published & Accepted Articles

- **Jiyoung Park\***, Jaewook J. Suh\*, Bofan Wang, Anirban Bhattacharya, Shiqian Ma (2025). “Adaptive gradient descent on Riemannian manifolds and its applications to Gaussian variational inference”. *ICLR 2026 (To appear)*. [Link]
- **Jiyoung Park**, Abhishek Roy, Jonathan W. Siegel, Anirban Bhattacharya. “Acceleration via silver step-size on Riemannian manifolds with applications to Wasserstein space”. *NeurIPS 2025*. [Paper], [Codes].
- Jakwang Kim\*, **Jiyoung Park\***, Anirban Bhattacharya. “Robust Estimation in metric spaces: Achieving Exponential Concentration with a Fréchet Median”. *AISTATS 2025*. [Paper], [Slides], [Codes].
- **Jiyoung Park**, Ian Pelakh, Stephan Wojtowytsh. “Minimum norm interpolation by perceptrons: Explicit regularization and implicit bias”. *NeurIPS 2023*. [Paper], [Slides].

### Preprints

- **Jiyoung Park**, Günay Doğan (2024). “Probabilistic U-Net with Kendall Shape Spaces for Geometry-Aware Segmentations of Images”. [Arxiv]

## WORK EXPERIENCES

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NSF Math Sciences Graduate Internship (MSGI).	2023.05 - 2023.07
- Hosting Facility: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg. - Supervisor: Dr. Günay Doğan. - Research Topic: Geometric shape analysis.	
KC Machine Learning Lab, South Korea ( <i>Research Resident</i> ).	2019.05 - 2021.02
- Supervisor: Dr. Chan Y. Park. - Research Topic: Graph Neural Network and GraphDB [Technical blog post].	
Naver Webtoon Corp., South Korea ( <i>Software Engineer Intern</i> ).	2018.07 - 2018.08
- Implemented HBase APIs for log data preprocessing.	

## TEACHING

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Teaching Assistant	Texas A&M University
- Stat 632: Bayesian Modeling and Inference (Grad)	Spring 2026
- Stat 650: Statistical Foundation For Data Science (Grad)	Spring 2026
- Stat 633: Advanced Bayesian Modeling and Computation (Grad)	Fall 2024, 2025
- Stat 689: Special topics in Statistics–Advanced Bayes (Grad)	Spring 2025
- Stat 438: Bayesian Statistics (Undergrad)	Spring 2024
- Stat 445/645: Applied Biostatistics and Data Analysis (Grad)	Fall 2022
- Stat 642: Methods of Stat II (Grad)	Spring 2022
- Stat 652: Stat In Research II (Grad)	Fall 2021

## INVITED TALKS & SEMINARS

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Short Course and Workshop on Scientific Machine Learning and Applications [Info]	2025.12
- Talk title: Stepsize-Based Methods for Riemannian Gradient Descent with Applications to Wasserstein Space.	
Princeton Machine Learning Theory Summer School ( <i>Poster Presentation</i> ). [Info]	2024.08
Optimal Transport Through the Midwest ( <i>Student Participant</i> ). [Info]	2024.07
Summer School on Optimal Transport and Applications ( <i>Student Participant</i> ). [Info]	2024.06
Inaugural CAMDA Conference ( <i>Poster Presentation</i> ). [Info]	2023.05

## SERVICE

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### Reviewer

ICML 2026, ICLR 2026, NeurIPS 2025.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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NeurIPS 2025 Top Reviewer Award.	2025.10
NeurIPS 2023 Scholar Award.	2023.12
Summa Cum Laude, Seoul National University.	2020.08
Samsung Convergence Software Course (SCSC).	2017.09 - 2020.08
Merit-based Scholarships, Seoul National University.	2014.03 - 2014.06, 2016.09 - 2020.02
Youndang Scholarship, Youndang Scholarship Foundation.	2017.03 - 2020.02
Work-Study Scholarship, Seoul National University.	2016.09 - 2018.08
Jeonju Scholarship, Jeonju Human Resources Development Foundation.	2016.09 - 2016.12

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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<b>Programming Languages</b>	Python, R, C, Java, Assembly Language (x86-64).
<b>Software &amp; Frameworks</b>	Pytorch, Rcpp, Linux, LATEX, Git, SQL, HBase.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**SNU Financial and Economic Research Seminar (SFERS)** 2016.09 - 2017.12

**Republic of Korea Auxiliary Police** 2014.09 - 2016.06  
Joong-bu Security Patrol, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency.

- Discharged as a Sugyeong (Equivalent to a Sergeant in Republic of Korea Army).

### Volunteering

- Cooking Class Assistant for Students with Disabilities. 2019.03 - 2019.06
- Teaching Volunteer for Multicultural Students. 2014.03 - 2014.06

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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<b>Date of Birth</b>	1994.04.22
<b>Citizenship</b>	Republic of Korea
<b>Mandatory Military Service</b>	Completed (Republic of Korea Auxiliary Police)
<b>Language</b>	Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

## LIST OF REFERENCES

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### Anirban Bhattacharya

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