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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2022– **PhD in Statistics**, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA.
Grade: 3.932/4
- 2020–22 **M.Sc. in Statistics**, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, Kanpur, India.
Grade: 9.5/10 (Class Rank: 1)
- 2017–20 **B.Sc. (Honors) in Statistics**, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, India.
Grade: 8.2/10

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Non-parametric Inference, Robust Analysis, High Dimensional Statistics, Bayesian Analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

- 1 **Banerjee, S.S.**, Mitra, A. and Mondal, R. (2023) Asymptotic Analysis of Regression Quantile Estimators for Real-Valued Chirp Signal Model. *Circuits, Systems, and Signal Processing*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00034-023-02504-1>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sum'23 Graduate Student Researcher

Advisor: Prof. Satish Iyengar, University of Pittsburgh

- Developing methods to perform detailed power and sensitivity analysis for mediational models adjusted for response-affecting-covariates in projects led by Dept. Psychiatry, Pitt.
- Reviewing and compiling existing R packages dealing with Post-Selective inference on parameters estimated using Elastic-Net.
- These projects were funded by National Institute of Health (NIH) grants.

S'22 “On Asymptotic Properties of Regression Quantile Estimators for 1-D Chirp Signals”

Advisor: Prof. Amit Mitra, IIT Kanpur

Proved strong consistency and asymptotic normality of RQE of 1-D Chirp signals. Performed detailed simulations to validate the theoretical results, with a comparison to OLS to highlight the robustness under heavy tailed errors and contaminated data. Developed an algorithm to fit the model to a real-life data on Sound pressure signals.

F'21 “On Consistency of LAD-LASSO estimators for 1-D Sinusoidal Model”

Advisor: Prof. Amit Mitra, IIT Kanpur

Discussed consistency properties of LAD-LASSO estimators of parameters of 1-D sinusoidal signal processing models. Obtained an optimal estimate for the penalty term used to obtain parsimonious models

S'20 A Comparative study between Parametric and Non-parametric Regression (Gaussian Process) Models

Advisor: Prof. Durba Bhattacharya, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

Compared Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) and OLS regression by fitting models to simulated data drawn from a variety of stochastic distributions. Fitted GPR model (with appropriate kernels) to the data “GDP of India from 1960 to 2019”.

COURSE PROJECTS

S'23 Review on the paper: “Conditional Calibration for False Discovery Rate under Dependence”- Fithian, W., Lei, L. (2022)

Mentor: Prof. Linxi Liu, University of Pittsburgh

- Reviewed the methodology proposed by the paper to adaptively calibrate separate rejection threshold for each p-value to control overall FDR under different dependence structures.

- S'22 **A Brief Review of Sparse Principal Components Analysis and its Generalization.**
Mentor: Prof. Minerva Mukhopadhyay, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Reviewed SPCA and *Generalized Adaptive-SPCA* by incorporating concepts from LASSO and Elastic Net. Performed numerical simulations along with application on real-life data set.
- S'22 **Bayesian Forecasting of UEFA Champions League under alternate seeding schemes.**
Mentor: Arnab Hazra, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Used Bayesian Poisson Regression model framework for individual matches and simulated the tournament for different seeding regimes based on the data from 2003-2015.
- S'22 **Estimating the Distribution of Linear Regression Estimates using Fast and Robust Bootstrap**
Mentor: Prof. Dootika Vats, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Presented the methodology behind Fast bootstrap to estimate the distribution of robust regression estimates, discussed their asymptotic properties and reviewed their breakdown points with a detailed simulation study with comparison to ordinary bootstrap.
- S'22 **Efficient High-Dimensional Robust Variable Selection via Rank-based LASSO Methods.**
Mentor: Prof. Subhra Sankar Dhar, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Reviewed properties of RankLASSO in high-dimensional setting ($p \gg n$) along with a superior threshold-ed version for more general scenarios. Performed numerical study demonstrating performance of RankLASSO and LAD-LASSO for robust model selection problems.
- S'22 **Understanding Non-parametric Modal Regression via Kernel Density Estimation**
Mentor: Prof. Subhra Sankar Dhar, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Reviewed Geometric properties of Non-parametric Modal regression and estimated modal sets using Partial Mean-Shift Algorithm. Discussed consistency of Modal Manifold estimates. Obtained point-wise and uniform confidence sets using bootstrap and discussed the coverage of uniform confidence sets and studied bandwidth selection using Prediction sets.
- F'21 **Analysis of Indian Market Price Indices during Covid-19 Pandemic**
Mentor: Prof. Amit Mitra, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Fitted ARIMA and GARCH models to stock returns of indices to capture model volatility. Performed Engle-Granger's Co-integration test on stock market closing prices and daily Covid-19 and performed Granger Causality test to check dependence.
- S'21 **A Study of Physicochemical Properties of Protein Tertiary Structure**
Mentor: Prof. Sharmishtha Mitra, IIT Kanpur
 ○ Carried out model diagnostics, checked for presence of multicollinearity under linear model fit on CASP dataset of protein tertiary structure. Implemented Ridge and LASSO regression due to presence of near-collinear features. Implemented different Variable Selection techniques.

TEACHING & CONSULTING

University of Pittsburgh

Teaching Fellow

- STAT 1000- Applied Statistical Methods F'23

Teaching Assistant

- STAT 1100- Statistics and Probability for Business Management F'22, S'23

Grader

- STAT 2730/1731- Stochastic Processes S'23

CONFERENCES

- Poster titled: "Simulated Power Calculations for Mediation Effects with Covariates", Keystone State Statistics Symposium, Penn State University, Oct 7-8, 2023.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Graduate Level ○ **Theory:** Probability and Measure theory, Theory of Statistics, Multiple Hypothesis Testing, Asymptotic Methods in Statistics, Robust Statistical Analysis, Multivariate Analysis, Decision Theory.
- **Methods:** Linear Models, Applied Statistical Methods, Applied Bayesian Analysis, Statistical Simulation and Data Analysis, Survival Analysis.

- Undergrad level
- **Statistics:** Measure Theory, Regression Analysis, Statistical Inference, Bayesian Analysis, Sampling Theory, Time Series, Stochastic Processes, Econometrics, Non-parametric Statistics.
 - **Mathematics:** Real Analysis, Matrix Theory and Linear Estimation, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Integral Calculus, Multivariate Calculus, Complex Analysis.
 - **Programming:** Data Analysis using R, C programming, Data analysis using Minitab, Computer programming and data structures.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2023 University of Pittsburgh Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowship.
- 2022 General Proficiency Medal, *for best academic performance among graduating M.Sc. Statistics students.*
- 2020 Secured All India Rank **45** in Joint Admission Test for Masters among 3473 candidates.
- 2017-22 *INSPIRE* Scholarship for Higher Education, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India for duration of Bachelors and Masters.
- 2017 Top 1% (aggregate marks) of CISCE board Class XII examination among 73,633 students all over India.

LANGUAGE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Language: English, Bengali, Hindi.

Programming Languages: R, Python, C, C++, Matlab.

Software: R Studio, Minitab, MS-Excel, L^AT_EX.

Other Activities

Position of Responsibility

- 2020 Organizing Committee Member of *Epsilon Delta'20*, the annual seminar organized by Department of Statistics, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (SXC-K).
- 2020 Convenor of *Proectura'20*, annual paper presentation event organized by Department of Statistics, SXC-K.
- 2020 Editorial Board member for *Prokarsho'20* annual Department of Statistics magazine, SXC-K.

Non-Academic Activities

- 2023 Member of *Bengali Student's Organization*, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2017-20 Volunteered to teach children in villages as a member of National Service Scheme, India.