Soham Joshi

Education ____ Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay ('21-'25) Major & Honors in Computer Science and Minor in Mathematics Current Major CPI/GPA after 7 semesters: 9.37/10 SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS _ • Received the Institute Academic Award for Institute Rank 1 among 1400+ students ('22)• Secured 5 AP (Advanced Proficiency) grades awarded to top 1% among 1400+ students ('22)• Secured All India Rank 46 in Joint Entrance Examination Advanced amongst 0.25 million candidates ('21)• Achieved All India Rank 39 and was awarded the prestigious KVPY fellowship by IISc Bangalore, India ('21)**OLYMPIADS** • Qualified for the Mathematics Olympiad Orientation Camp (MOOC) conducted by HBCSE ('21) • Cleared Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics (IOQM) conducted by MTA(I) with State rank 1 ('21) • Among top 64 students in the country in the Indian National Chemistry Olympiad (INChO) ('21) • Attended the Chemistry Olympiad Orientation Camp (COOC) conducted by HBCSE ('21) RESEARCH PROJECTS Submodular Partitioning Problems (arXiv) Summer '24 Guide : Prof. Karthekeyan Chandrasekaran | Research Internship U of I, Urbana-Champaign • Examined multi-way cut for monotone submodular functions and showed a novel 1.33-approximation algorithm • Showed oracle hardness, better than **1.1-approximation** for the problem requires exponentially many queries • Accepted by 26th conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO 2025) for publication. Evolutionary Game Theory (arXiv) (doi) Summer '23 Guide : Prof. Krishnendu Chatterjee | Research Internship Chatterjee Group, IST Austria • Examined the **moran process** with birth-death and death-birth updating for weighted population networks • Showed robust, modular amplifiers for **birth-death** and **death-birth** updating resolving an important open problem • Showed existence of quantities that are impossible to improve for death-birth and birth-death updating simultaneously • Accepted by PLOS Computational Biology, a peer reviewed journal for publication Extension of Matroids (Report) (Survey) Autumn '23 & Spring '24 Guide : Prof. Rohit Gurjar | Research Project IIT Bombay • Proved that if matroids have a small extension complexity then the matroid union also has a small extension • Studied the extension complexity for transversal, regular matroids and exploring it for **dilworth truncation** • Surveyed randomised communication based protocols for finding extension complexity of k - l sparsity matroids Distributional safety for MDPs Autumn '23 & Spring '24 Guide : Prof. S. Akshay | Research Project IIT Bombay • Examining algorithms for template based approaches to affine invariant synthesis for affine safety objectives • Proved that for 2-state MDPs, distributional strategies with initialised safety, memoryless strategies suffice • Examined the **computational complexity** of the problem for the affine safety of general MDPs • Expected to result in a publication in the near future crediting me as a co-author Key Projects Autumn '23 Laplacian-steered stylized neural painting IIT Bombay Guide: Prof. Preethi Jyothi | Course Project : Introduction to AI & ML • Modified stylized painting using Laplacian Loss to create a neural painting model leading to improved PSNR • Applied the stylized neural painter to individual video frames creating short, stylized animations • Developed a **lightweight model** rendering images faster than the original model while maintaining high quality. • Optimized code of Stylized Neural Painter, achieving significant speed improvements in the rendering process. Spring '23

Optimizing Hardware Prefetching

Guide: Prof. Biswabandan Panda | Course Project : Digital Logic Design and Computer Architecture IIT Bombay

• Designed a **data prefetecher** with specialised improvements for SAT-Solver, SPEC traces and server workloads

- Achieved 7% improvement in IPC for graph traces via tuning of prefetcher on the champsim simulator
- Used multi-parameter indexing of instruction memory, customized stride prefetchers for different cache levels
- Exploited spatial access patterns in cache heirarchy using finer addressing methods part of the bingo prefetcher

Algorithmic Implementations for a Railway Planner	Autumn '22	
Guide: Prof. Supratik Chakraborty Course Project: Data Structures and Algorithms Laboratory	IIT Bombay	
• Implemented core algorithm for a simiplified railway planner, complete with a system for reviews and administration		
• Parsed big data in a database management system by hashing user queries efficiently, logging in AVL tree		
• Used prefix tries for predictive completion , KMP Algorithm for keyword-query search and ideated its use as a feature extractor of key review words for a review classifier model, resulting in a review score function		
FastChat	Autumn '22	
Guide: Prof. Kavi Arya Course Project : Software Systems Laboratory	IIT Bombay	
\bullet Built a chat application with a ${\bf GUI}$ having multiple interacting clients and servers using ${\bf socket}$ ${\bf pr}$	rogramming	
• Achieved end-to-end encryption using AES and RSA ciphers and parallel communication using multi threading		
• Introduced group messaging and offline message access using $PostGreSQL$ databasing with regex queries		
• Implemented load balancing for servers and analysed metrics like throughput, latency using bash scripting		
Learning with Quantum Computers	Winter '22	
Winter in Data Science Literature Review Analytics Content of Co	lub, IIT Bombay	
• Comprehensively surveyed papers about quantum computing, quantum optimization of various ML algorithms		
• Implemented the deutsch jozsa algorithm , qubit rotation methods with basic quantum circuits on IBM qiskit		
• Surveyed Quantum GANs, hidden markov models, decision trees, quantum pattern recognition and k-NN methods		
Adversarial Attacks on Computer Vision Models	Summer '22	
Seasons of Code Implementation project Web and Coding Code Implementation project	, 0	
• Surveyed papers related to Fast Gradient Sign Method (FGSM), and DeepFool attacks on Neural Networks		
+ Generated $\mathbf{adversarial\ images}$ with both attacks on the MNIST Dataset using Numpy, with $\mathbf{80\%\ misclassification}$		
• Designed and programmed a Deep Neural Network using the PyTorch API to get a model with 9	0+% accuracy	
Application of Number Theory in Cryptography	Summer '22	
Summer of Science Literature Review Maths and Physics Co	lub, IIT Bombay	
• Studied Cryptographic Primitives, formalising notions of security and security proofs for crypto	graphic schemes	
• Learned about cryptographic constructions, stream, block ciphers, concepts of perfect and semantic security		
+ Studied number theoretic applications of cryptography like \mathbf{RSA} encryption, Diffie-Hellmann key exchange		
TECHNICAL SKILLS		

Programming Languages	C, C++, Python, Prolog, Java, Bash, sed, awk, Haskell, FLTK
Development	HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Javascript, Git, Sphinx, Doxygen, LATEX, MySQL
Data Science and ML	PyTorch, TensorFlow, Matplotlib, MATLAB, NumPy, Pandas

Relevant Courses

- **Theoretical Computer Science:** Data Structures and Algorithms, Discrete Structures, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Logic for CS, Extremal Combinatorics, Automata Theory, Applied Algorithms, Spectral Graph Theory, Approximation Algorithms, Optimization, Applied Integer Programming
- Systems: Computer Programming and Utilization, Abstractions and Paradigms for Programming, Computer Networks, Digital Logic Design and Computer Architecture, Software Systems Lab, Compilers, Operating Systems, Database and Information Systems

Mathematics: Linear Algebra, Calculus-I, Calculus-II, Differential Equations, Real Analysis, General Topology, Complex Analysis, Numerical Analysis, Fourier Analysis

Machine Learning: Statistical Learning Theory, Data Analysis and Interpretation, Introduction to AI and ML

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Popularizing higher mathematics in School

Guide: Prof. Rekha Santhanam | Summer Undergraduate Research Project (SURP)IIT Bombay• Published a book, introducing Linear Algebra, with aspects of cryptography, geometry in the theme of the story

Autumn '22 & Spring '23

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• The story, a book of 8 chapters, and associated math expository sessions have impacted 2000+ students

Teaching Assistant

Dept. of Mathematics | Prof. Sanjoy Pusti, Prof. Niranjan Balachandran & Prof. Dipendra Prasad IIT Bombay • Worked as a **TA** for **Calculus-I (MA109)**, **Calculus-II (MA111)** & **Linear Algebra (MA106)** courses

• Conducted weekly interactive and problem solving sessions for 45+ 1st year UG students students

EXTRACURRICULAR _

- Secured team gold medal in **Chess** at the **Inter-Hostel General Championship** at IIT Bombay
- Participated in 30+ Chess Events at the District and State levels, with 10+ medals
- Qualified amongst top 50 teams in the Limestone Data Challenge conducted by Tower Capital at IIT Bombay ('23)