Education

New York University, PhD in Data Science

Sep 2020 - present

Advisor: Andrew Gordon Wilson

• Center for Data Science Fellowship, 2020-2025

New York University, MS in Computer Science

Sep 2017 - May 2019

Advisor: Joan Bruna

• Masters Thesis Fellowship, Courant Institute, 2018

IIT Hyderabad, B.Tech in Computer Science

Aug 2012 - May 2016

- TODAI Scholarship, University of Tokyo, 2013
- Academic Excellence Award, 2012

Publications

- S. Lotfi*, M. Finzi*, S. Kapoor*, A. Potapczynski*, M. Goldblum, and A. G. Wilson. PAC-Bayes Compression Bounds So Tight That They Can Explain Generalization. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022
- R. Shwartz-Ziv, M. Goldblum, H. Souri, S. Kapoor, C. Zhu, Y. LeCun, and A. G. Wilson. Pre-Train Your Loss: Easy Bayesian Transfer Learning with Informative Priors. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022
- S. Kapoor*, W. Maddox*, P. Izmailov*, and A. G. Wilson. On Uncertainty, Tempering, and Data Augmentation in Bayesian Classification. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022
- W. J. Maddox, S. Kapoor, and A. G. Wilson. When are Iterative Gaussian Processes Reliably Accurate? In Beyond First Order Methods in ML Systems ICML Workshop, 2021
- S. Kapoor and Valerio Perrone. A Simple and Fast Baseline for Tuning Large XGBoost Models, 2021. Technical report
- N. Gruver, S. Kapoor, M. Cranmer, and A. G. Wilson. Epistemic Uncertainty in Learning Chaotic Dynamical Systems. In Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning ICML Workshop, 2021
- S. Kapoor*, M. Finzi*, A. Wang, and A. G. Wilson. SKIing on Simplices: Kernel Interpolation on the Permutohedral Lattice for Scalable Gaussian Processes. In Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2021. (Oral, Top 3%)
- S. Kapoor, T. Karaletsos, and T. D. Bui. Variational Auto-Regressive Gaussian Processes for Continual Learning. In Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning, 2021
- T. Moskovitz, R. Wang, J. Lan, S. Kapoor, T. Miconi, J. Yosinski, and A. Rawal. First-Order Preconditioning via Hypergradient Descent. In Beyond First Order Methods in ML NeurIPS Workshop, 2019
- S. Kapoor. Leveraging Communication for Efficient Sampling, 2019. Masters thesis
- C. Resnick*, R. Raileanu*, S. Kapoor, A. Peysakhovich, K. Cho, and J. Bruna. Backplay: "Man muss immer umkehren". In AAAI Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games, 2019
- S. Kapoor. Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning: A Report on Challenges and Approaches, 2018. Technical report

Industry Experience

Netflix, Research Intern, USA

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022

• Research in probabilistic recommender systems.

Amazon, Applied Science Intern, Germany

Jul 2021 - Sep 2021

• Research in multi-fidelity Bayesian optimization.

Uber, AI Resident, USA

Aug 2019 - Jul 2020

• < 1% acceptance rate; research in approximate Bayesian inference.

Google, Software Engineering Intern, USA

May 2018 - Aug 2018

• Natural language code search on Kubeflow at KubeCon North America 2018.

Headout, Software Engineer, India

Dec 2016 - Jul 2017

• Led internal developer tooling; slashed deployment/rollback downtime by 99%.

StoryXpress, Co-Founder, India

May 2013 - Aug 2016

• Designed the in-house OpenGL video engine for creation at scale.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, Node, Javascript, C, C++, Java

Technologies: PyTorch, JAX, TensorFlow, Pyro PPL, CUDA, MySQL, React, Docker, Ansible, OpenGL

Honors & Awards

StackOverflow Top Contributor: Reputation 6.3k (top 6% overall as of Dec 2022); answers reached ~ 2.4 million people, 2021

NASSCOM Emerge 50: StoryXpress among top startups from 500+ across India for innovation impact, 2015

HYSEA Best Software Product, Student Innovation: StoryXpress winner among 100+ startups, 2015

Microsoft Build the Shield: First Runner up among 280 teams across India, 2015 ACM ICPC Amritapuri Regionals: Finalist among 1500+ teams, 2013

Joint Entrance Exam (JEE): Top 0.1% among 0.5 million students across India for undergraduate admissions, 2012

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Machine Learning, NYU	Spring 2021
Head Grader, Machine Learning, NYU	Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Machine Learning, NYU	Spring 2019
Section Leader, Inference and Representation, NYU	Fall 2018
Grader, Introduction to Machine Learning, NYU	Fall 2018
Recitation Leader, Data Structures, NYU	Spring 2018
Grader, Machine Learning, NYU	Spring 2018

Outreach & Services

Reviewer: ICML (2021); NeurIPS (2021,2022); BDL (2021); ICLR (2022)

Instructor: CDS Undergraduate Research Program (2021); NYU AI School (2022)