

Shivam Gupta

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- EDUCATION**
- University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)** Aug 2018 – Present
Ph.D. in Computer Science (Advisor: Eric Price)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)** May 2018
B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics
- INTERESTS** Diffusion Models, Machine Learning, Statistics, related topics
- EXPERIENCE**
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology** Cambridge, MA
Visiting Student (Host: Sam Hopkins) Jun 2023 – Aug 2023
- Worked on proving sharper rates for high-probability mean estimation
- University of California, Berkeley** Berkeley, CA
Visiting Student Researcher Aug 2022 – May 2023
- Developed theory for diffusion models, and wrote experiments to improve understanding
 - Developed new mean and location estimation algorithms
- Sigma Computing, Inc.** San Francisco, CA
Research Intern May 2022 – Aug 2022
- Worked on designing and implementing anomaly detection algorithms for various datasets
- University of Wisconsin, Madison** Madison, WI
Research Intern (Host: Ilias Diakonikolas) May 2020 – Aug 2020
- Studied gradient descent algorithms to robustly estimate the mean of a high-dimensional Gaussian
 - Wrote experiments for outlier-robust sparse estimation in Python and Numpy
- Jane Street** New York, NY
Software Developer Intern May 2016 – Aug 2016
- Wrote server code to employ state machine replication to send and receive data via RPCs
 - Developed a market data parser in OCaml
- Bloomberg L.P.** New York, NY
R&D Intern May 2015 – Aug 2015
- Developed real-time system for Bloomberg Terminal to track messages between services in C++
- PAPERS**
- 10. Diffusion Posterior Sampling is Computationally Intractable**
Shivam Gupta, Ajil Jalal, Aditya Parulekar, Eric Price, Zhiyang Xun
In submission to International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024
 - 9. The Sample Complexity of Training a Diffusion Model is Polylogarithmic in its Wasserstein Error**
Shivam Gupta, Aditya Parulekar, Eric Price, Zhiyang Xun
In submission to International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024
 - 8. Beyond Catoni: Sharper Rates for Heavy-Tailed and Robust Mean Estimation**
Shivam Gupta, Samuel B. Hopkins, Eric Price
In submission to Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2024
 - 7. Minimax-Optimal Location Estimation**
Shivam Gupta, Jasper C.H. Lee, Eric Price, Paul Valiant
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2023
 - 6. Finite-Sample Symmetric Mean Estimation with Fisher Information Rate**
Shivam Gupta, Jasper C.H. Lee, Eric Price
Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2023
 - 5. High-dimensional Location Estimation via Norm Concentration for Subgamma Vectors**
Shivam Gupta, Jasper C.H. Lee, Eric Price
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2023
 - 4. Finite-Sample Maximum Likelihood Estimation of Location**
Shivam Gupta, Jasper C.H. Lee, Eric Price, Paul Valiant
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022

3. **Outlier-Robust Sparse Estimation via Non-Convex Optimization**

Yu Cheng, Ilias Diakonikolas, Rong Ge, Shivam Gupta, Daniel Kane, Mahdi Soltanolkotabi
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022

2. **Sharp Constants in Uniformity Testing via the Huber Statistic**

Shivam Gupta, Eric Price
Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2022

1. **Nash Equilibrium Computation in Resource Allocation Games**

Shivam Gupta, Ruta Mehta
International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS) 2018

OTHER

EXPERIENCE

Research with Prof. Andreas Klockner (UIUC)

Aug 2014 –May 2017

- Developed and implemented mesh-refinement algorithms (in Python and using NumPy) to iteratively refine and coarsen meshes while preserving connectivity information.
- Developed theory to explain the algorithms.

Eventifier - Software Engineer Intern

May 2014–Jul 2014

- Developed system to stream Twitter data related to particular topics and classify them as positive/negative using NLP.

Freelance Programming

May 2014–Aug 2014

- Developed Android app for scholarship database company

Game Development

Jan 2013-Aug 2014

- Developed a game engine in C++ and SDL with entity management and rendering functionality
- Developed several game prototypes using the engine
- Initiated organization of Global Game Jam in 2013 for the first time in India (still occurring annually as of 2024)

SELECTED AWARDS

- C.W. Gear Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award 2018
- Horace and Kate King Wu International Undergraduate Scholarship 2018
- Illinois Engineering Achievement Scholarship 2017
- NTT Data, Inc., Scholarship 2015, 2016
- Franz Hohn and J.P. Nash Scholarship 2015 (for research in scientific computing)
- Perfect score in the Indian National Olympiad in Informatics, and selected as one of 26 students in India to attend the International Olympiad in Informatics training camp 2014
- ACM ICPC Mid-Central Regional: Team placed 6th in 2017, 4th in 2016
- Represented India in SEARCC Software Competition 2013, Colombo, Sri Lanka, and placed 3rd
- Placed 2nd in Dropbox Open programming contest 2015 at UIUC
- Won Bloomberg CodeCon Challenge and invited to CppCon 2015 in Bellevue, Washington
- Won 3Red Trading Tech Challenge in 2015 and 2016 and invited to Chicago

SKILLS

- *Languages:* C/C++, Python, Java, OCaml, Haskell, JavaScript
- *Software and Libraries:* NumPy, SciPy, PyTorch, Mathematica, \LaTeX

TALKS

- **Sample-Efficient Training for Diffusion** November 2023
IFML Workshop on Generative AI, UT Austin
- **A Finite-Sample Theory for Mean Estimation with Fisher Information Rate** October 2023
MIT Algorithms and Complexity Seminar
- **A Finite-Sample Theory for Mean Estimation with Fisher Information Rate** October 2023
CMU Theory Lunch
- **Finite-Sample Symmetric Mean Estimation with Fisher Information Rate** July 2023
Conference on Learning Theory, Bangalore, India

REVIEWING

SODA 2021, 2024; NeurIPS 2023; ITCS 2024; ALT 2024; ICLR 2024; ICML 2024

TEACHING**At UT Austin:**

- *Teaching Assistant*, Sublinear Algorithms (CS 395T) Fall 2020
- *Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to Algorithms (CS 331) Spring 2019
- *Teaching Assistant*, Machine Learning (CS 395T) Summer 2019, Fall 2019
- *Teaching Assistant*, Elements of Data Analytics (CS 329E) Spring 2019
- *Teaching Assistant*, Elements of Computer Programming (CS 303E) Fall 2018

At UIUC:

- *Course Assistant*, Introduction to Algorithms (CS 374) Spring 2018
- *Grader*, Algorithms II (CS 473) Spring 2018

RELEVANT COURSES

Probability and Stochastic Processes, Learning Theory, Coding Theory, Theoretical Statistics, Randomized Algorithms, Markov Chains and Mixing Time, Approximation Algorithms, Combinatorial Mathematics, Numerical Linear Algebra, Wireless Networking