Archana Warrier

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Education

Technische Universität Kaiserslautern (RPTU) *Apr 2022 – Present*
Master of Science in Computer Science *GPA: 1.6/5.0 (German)*
– Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning I & II, Monte Carlo Algorithms, Automated Reasoning, Functional Programming, 3D Computer Vision, Stochastic Modeling of Cognitive Processes

Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra *June 2018 – June 2021*
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computing *GPA: 9.02/10*

Indian Institute of Technology Madras *Jan 2021 – Aug 2021*
Foundational Course on Data Science *GPA: 9.4/10*

Publications

[1] A. Warrier, D. Nyugen, M. Naim, M. Jain, Y. Liang, K. Schroeder, C. Yang, J. B. Tenenbaum, S. Vollmer, K. Ellis, and Z. Tavares, "Benchmarking world-model learning," *arXiv preprint arXiv:2510.19788*, 2025.

[2] D. A. Selby, K. Spriestersbach, Y. Iwashita, D. Bappert, A. Warrier, S. Mukherjee, M. N. Asim, K. Kise, and S. J. Vollmer, "Had enough of experts? elicitation and evaluation of bayesian priors from large language models," in *NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on Bayesian Decision-making and Uncertainty*, 2024.

Research Experience

Research Trainee *Aug 2024 – Present*
Basis, New York | Advisors: Zenna Tavares, Kevin Ellis
– Developing AI systems capable of intuitive reasoning as part of Project MARA (Modeling, Abstraction, and Reasoning Agents)—a three-year initiative to build agents that can propose hypotheses, conduct experiments, and reason with abstract models of the world
– Contributing to the technical and theoretical foundations of world modeling and evaluation

Research Assistant *May 2022 – July 2024*
DFKI, Kaiserslautern | Advisor: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer
– Conducted research on probabilistic inference methods and Bayesian machine learning
– Served as teaching assistant for the "Machine Learning in Julia" course

Short-term Research Scholar *May 2023 – Oct 2023*
Columbia University, New York | Advisor: Zenna Tavares
– Developed a framework that automatically constructs simplified model abstractions to balance computational accuracy with resource constraints
– Extended causal abstraction theory to adapt abstractions dynamically based on query requirements and available computational resources
– Implemented proof-of-concept for adaptive abstraction in simple physics-based simulations using MuJoCo

Short-term Research Scholar *Sept 2022 – Nov 2022*
Columbia University, New York | Advisor: Zenna Tavares
– Implemented parametric inversion—a program transformation technique that inverts non-injective functions by introducing parameters to uniquely determine inputs—in JAX and demonstrated the approach on simulation models, including Lotka-Volterra dynamics
– Contributed to Omega.jl probabilistic programming framework

Student Developer, Google Summer of Code *June 2021 – Aug 2021*
The Julia Language Organization
Advisors: Zenna Tavares, Sebastian Vollmer, Moritz Schauer, Jiahao Chen
– Developed CounterfactualFairness.jl package for counterfactual reasoning methods for algorithmic fairness
– Implemented multiple fairness criteria, including counterfactual fairness and path-specific effects
– Blog post: nextjournal.com/archanarw/counterfactualfairnessjl

Technical Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Julia, Python, C, Haskell, Agda, Isabelle
- **Tools:** LaTeX, Git

Teaching & Service

Teaching Assistant, "Machine Learning in Julia" *May 2022 – Aug 2024*
– DFKI, Kaiserslautern | Assisted students with probabilistic programming concepts and Julia implementation

Content and Publicity Head, IEEE Student Branch *2020 – 2021*
– Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra | Conducted workshops and organized technical events

Mentor, MTTS Program *2020*
– Supported students in the Level 0 advanced mathematics program

Selected Honors

- Top 300, National Programming and Data Science Qualifier, IIT Madras (95% score) *2020*
- Letter of appreciation from Union Minister of India, Smriti Irani *2015*
- Bronze Medal, International Olympiad of Mathematics *2013*

Open Source Contributions

- **Active Contributor:** MARAProtocol, Autumn.cpp, Omega.jl, Jaxy.jl
- **Maintainer:** CounterfactualFairness.jl, NormalizingFlows.jl