

# Ayan Das

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## Research Interests

- *Natural language processing*: NLP of low-resource languages, Cross-lingual NLP, NLP of Indian languages, Dependency parsing
- *Machine Learning*: Distributed machine learning, Application of deep learning architectures in NLP

## Education

- Jul'2013-  
Dec'2020 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**, *Computer Science and Engineering*,  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.  
Thesis: *Effective methods for cross-lingual dependency parsing*  
Supervisors: **Prof. Sudeshna Sarkar**  
Synopsis: 28 April 2020  
Thesis Submission: 22 May 2020
- 2011-2013 **Master of Technology (M.Tech)**, *Computer Science and Engineering*,  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur.  
CGPA: **8.60**  
Thesis: *Word Sense Disambiguation in Bengali language*  
Supervisor: Prof. Sudeshna Sarkar
- 2004-2008 **Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech)**, *Computer Science and Engineering*,  
National Institute of Technology Durgapur.  
CGPA: **8.29**  
Thesis: *Testing and Verification of ISCAS-85 benchmark circuits in C*  
Supervisor: Prof. Suchismita Roy
- 2003 **Indian School Certificate Examination (Class XII Board Exam)**.  
Marks: **82.25%**  
Board: Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi
- 2001 **Indian Council for Secondary Education Examination (Class X Board Exam)**.  
Marks: **85.00%**  
Board: Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi

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## Academic Appointments

Dec'2020 - Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani (Hyderabad Campus)  
Dec'2021

Designation: Assistant Professor

Dec'2021 - till Indian Institute of Technology (ISM), Dhanbad  
date

Designation: Assistant Professor

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## Publications

### *Journals:*

1. **Ayan Das** and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*Transform, Combine, and Transfer: Delexicalized Transfer Parser for Low-resource Languages*”; in **ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing (TALLIP)**, Vol. 19 Issue 1, No. 4, pp. 173-190, June 2019.
2. **Ayan Das** and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*A survey of the model transfer approaches to cross-lingual dependency parsing*”; in **ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing (TALLIP)**, Vol. 19 Issue 5, No. 67, pp. 1-60, May 2020.

### *Conferences:*

1. **Ayan Das** and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*A little perturbation makes a difference: Treebank augmentation by perturbation improves transfer parsing*”; in the proceedings of **16th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON)**, Hyderabad, India, December 18–21, 2019.
2. **Ayan Das** and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*MorphBen: A neural morphological analyzer for Bengali language*”; in the proceedings of **20th International Conference on Computational Linguistics and Intelligent Text Processing (CiCLing)**, La Rochelle, France, April 7–13, 2019.
3. **Ayan Das**, Affan Zaffar, and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*Delexicalized transfer parsing for low-resource languages using transformed and combined treebanks*”; in the proceedings of **CoNLL 2017 Shared Task: Multilingual Parsing from Raw Text to Universal Dependencies**, pp. 182–190, Vancouver, Canada, August 3–4, 2017.
4. **Ayan Das**, Raghuvver Chanda, Smriti Agrawal and Sourangshu Bhattacharya; “*Distributed Weighted Parameter Averaging for SVM Training on Big Data*”; in the proceedings of **Workshop on Distributed Machine Learning at 31st AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)**, pp. 472–477, San Francisco, CA USA, February 4–5, 2017.
5. **Ayan Das**, Agnivo Saha and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*Cross-lingual transfer parsing from Hindi to Bengali using delexicalization and chunking*”; in the proceedings of **13th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON)**, pp. 99–108, Varanasi, India, December 17–18, 2016.
6. **Ayan Das**, Pranay Yerra, Ken Kumar and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*A study of attention-based Neural Machine Translation models on Indian Languages*”; in the proceedings of **6th Workshop on South and Southeast Asian Natural language at the 26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) 2016**, pp. 163–172, Osaka, Japan, December 11–12, 2016.
7. **Ayan Das**, Agnivo Saha and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*Development of a Bengali parser by cross-lingual transfer from Hindi*”; in the proceedings of **6th Workshop on South and Southeast Asian Natural language at the 26th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) 2016**, pp. 33–43, Osaka, Japan, December 11–12, 2016.

8. **Ayan Das** and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*Word Sense Disambiguation in Bengali applied to Bengali-Hindi Machine Translation*” in the proceedings of **10th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON)**, Noida, India, 18-20 December, 2013.
9. Alapan Kuila, **Ayan Das** and Sudeshna Sarkar; “*A Graph Convolution Network-based System for Technical Domain Identification*” in the proceedings of **17th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON)**, Noida, India, 18-21 December, 2020.

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## Research Projects

December 2016-	<b>Creation of a dependency treebank for Bengali language.</b>
Principal Investigator	Prof. Sudeshna Sarkar
Funding organization	Google Inc.
Role	I was involved in the development of the annotation guidelines for morphosyntactic features and dependency relations. I was involved in writing the project along with Prof. Sarkar. I have developed a PoS tagger, a lemmatizer, a morphological analyzer and dependency parser using the data developed for the project and setup a complete pipeline for automatic annotation of the data from raw text using the components stated above.

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## Tools developed

1. Developed an attention-based neural MT system from scratch using Theano library and studied the performance of this model on Indian language pairs.
2. Developed a joint neural part-of-speech tagger, morphological analyzer and lemmatizer for Bengali language.

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## Talks and Presentations

Talks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Invited talk at Workshop on Verbal Multiword Expressions in Indian Languages, ICON 2019, Hyderabad, India</li> </ol>
Oral presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ayan Das</b>, Sudeshna Sarkar. “A little perturbation makes a difference: Treebank augmentation by perturbation improves transfer parsing”, ICON 2019</li> <li>2. <b>Ayan Das</b>, Agnivo Saha and Sudeshna Sarkar. “Development of a Bengali parser by cross-lingual transfer from Hindi”, WSSANLP (COLING) 2016</li> <li>3. <b>Ayan Das</b>, Pranay Yerra, Ken Kumar and Sudeshna Sarkar. “A study of attention-based Neural Machine Translation models on Indian Languages”, WSSANLP (COLING) 2016</li> <li>4. <b>Ayan Das</b>, Sudeshna Sarkar. “Word Sense Disambiguation in Bengali applied to Bengali-Hindi Machine Translation”, ICON 2013</li> </ol>
Poster presentation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ayan Das</b> and Sudeshna Sarkar. “Cross-lingual transfer parsing from Hindi to Bengali using delexicalization and chunking”, ICON 2016</li> </ol>

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## Teaching

1. Information Retrieval
2. Computer Vision
3. Machine Learning

4. C Programming Laboratory
5. Database Laboratory
6. OOP using JAVA Laboratory
7. Algorithm Design and Analysis Laboratory

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## Professional Experience

Jul'2008 - Tata Consultancy Services, Kolkata  
Jul'2011

Designation: Systems Engineer

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## Community involvement

Peer review of  
journal paper

1. ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing (TALLIP)

Peer review  
of conference  
paper

1. International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON)
2. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)

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## Awards

- Received “*Institute Travel Grant*” from IIT Kharagpur for attending COLING 2016.
- MHRD Scholarship from IIT Kharagpur for Doctoral Studies.

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## References

- **Prof. Sudeshna Sarkar**, Dept. of CSE, IIT Kharagpur,  
Email: *sudeshna@cse.iitkgp.ernet.in*
- **Prof. Suchismita Roy**, Dept. of CSE, NIT Durgapur,  
Email: *suchismita.roy@cse.nitdgp.ac.in*
- **Prof. Debdeep Mukhopadhyay**, Dept. of CSE, IIT Kharagpur,  
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## Declaration

I hereby declare that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge