

# Rishi Hazra

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## Education

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- **Ph.D. in Machine Reasoning**, 2021–Present  
Örebro University & WASP, Sweden  
*Research Topic:* Neuro-Symbolic Decision Making  
*Supervisor:* Luc De Raedt
- **M.Tech in Artificial Intelligence**, 2017–2019  
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India  
*Grade:* 8.10/10  
*Research Topic:* Active Learning in Sequence Tagging  
*Supervisor:* Ambedkar Dukkipati
- **B.Tech in Electrical Engineering**, 2013–2017  
Birsa Institute of Technology, India  
*Grade:* 8.03/10  
*Supervisor:* Pankaj Kumar Rai

## Research & Professional Experience

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- **Research Science Intern**, July 2022 – December 2022  
Meta Reality Labs Research, Redmond, USA  
*Topic:* Vision and Language-based Task Tracking
- **Data Scientist**, April 2020 – September 2020  
Amazon Alexa-AI, Bangalore, India  
*Topic:* NLU Metrics in Alexa
- **Research Associate**, June 2019 – March 2020  
Statistics and Machine Learning Group, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore  
*Topic:* Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning

## Publications

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1. **REvolve: Reward Evolution with Large Language Models for Autonomous Driving**,  
[R Hazra\\*](#), [A Sygkounas\\*](#), [A Persson](#), [PZD Martires](#), [A Loutfi](#) (\* equal contribution)  
under review
2. **Can Large Language Models Reason? A Characterization via 3-SAT Phase Transitions**,  
[R Hazra](#), [G Venturato](#), [PZD Martires](#), [L De Raedt](#)  
under review
3. **SayCanPay: Heuristic Planning with Large Language Models using Learnable Domain Knowledge**,  
[R Hazra](#), [PZD Martires](#), [L De Raedt](#)  
*Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2024)* [[website](#)][[pdf](#)] [[code](#)]
4. **EgoTV: Egocentric Task Verification from Natural Language Task Descriptions**,  
[R Hazra](#), [B Chen](#), [A Rai](#), [N Kamra](#), [R Desai](#)  
*International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2023)* [[website](#)] [[pdf](#)] [[code](#)]
5. **Deep Explainable Relational Reinforcement Learning: A Neuro-Symbolic Approach**,  
[R Hazra](#), [L De Raedt](#)  
*European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD 2023)* [[pdf](#)]
6. **Active<sup>2</sup> Learning: Actively reducing redundancies in Active Learning methods for Sequence Tagging and Machine Translation**,  
[R Hazra](#), [P Dutta](#), [S Gupta](#), [MA Qaathir](#), and [A Dukkipati](#)  
*Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT 2021)* [[pdf](#)][[code](#)][[video](#)][[poster](#)]

7. **Networked Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning with Emergent Communication**  
S Gupta\*, R Hazra\*, and A Dukkipati (\* Equal Contribution)  
*International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS 2020)* [[pdf](#)]  
[[video](#)]
8. **Infinite use of finite means: Zero-Shot Generalization using Compositional Emergent Protocols**  
R Hazra\*, S Dixit\*, and S Sen (\* Equal Contribution)  
*Visually Grounded Interaction and Language Workshop (NAACL-HLT 2021)* [[pdf](#)] [[demos](#)] [[poster](#)]
9. **gComm: An environment for investigating generalization in Grounded Language Acquisition**  
R Hazra and S Dixit,  
*Visually Grounded Interaction and Language Workshop (NAACL-HLT 2021)* [[pdf](#)] [[code](#)] [[poster](#)]

## Skills

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Python, PyTorch, MATLAB, C++

## Achievements

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Guinness World Record	Most users to complete a remote 10 km in 24 hours [ <a href="#">record</a> ][ <a href="#">certificate</a> ]
Kaggle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rank in secondary track of (PASSNYC)
GATE 2017	All India Rank 133 (top 0.001%)
B.Tech	Best Outgoing Project Award jointly from BIT Sindri & IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
B.Tech	Best Academics Award for excellent academic performance
High School	Principal's Award for all-round academic performance

## Courses/Workshops

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Basic	Machine Learning, Game Theory, Practical Data Science
Advanced	Natural Language Understanding, Reinforcement Learning, Graphical Models & Bayesian Learning
Undergrad	Signal Processing, Control Systems, Digital Electronics, Network Theory
Workshops	Workshop on Neural Systems (Pratiksha Trust, IISc), Robovision (Robotics and Computer Applications Institute, USA)

## Community Service

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- NeurIPS 2022-24, ICML 2023-24, ICLR 2024, KR 2024, EAACL 2023: Reviewer
- AAMAS 2022: Program Committee member and Session Chair
- PRAYAAS India (NGO providing free and high quality education to underprivileged children living in slums and villages): Active member of PRAYAAS India (from 2013-2016), where I taught mathematics to middle school children.
- Tarumitra (Friend of Trees) Club: Student President of Tarumitra for three consecutive years (2011-2013), during which, I led numerous plantation drives and awareness programs.