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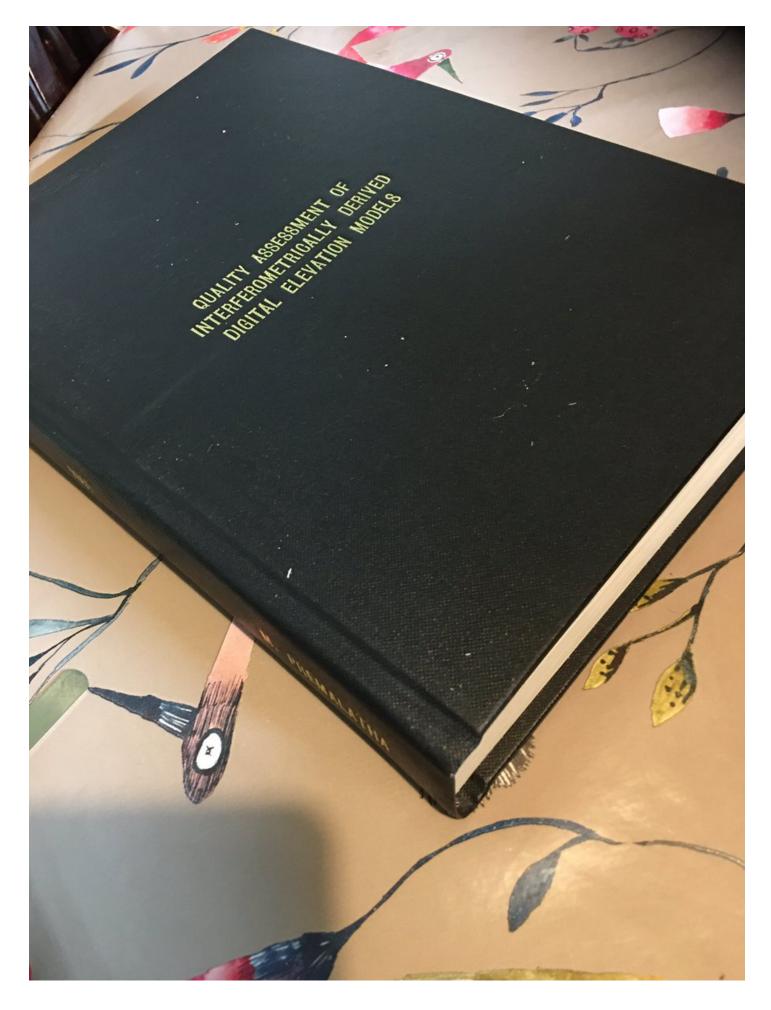
It has been some time since I reclaimed my title. I had dropped it when I moved industries but after seeing the sexism I meet, I decided to use it at least to give them a hint to step back or pause before one utters another BS to me.

Sexism in this **I** column and the fact that it passed through the editor and got published tells how much more fight I have to continue fighting.

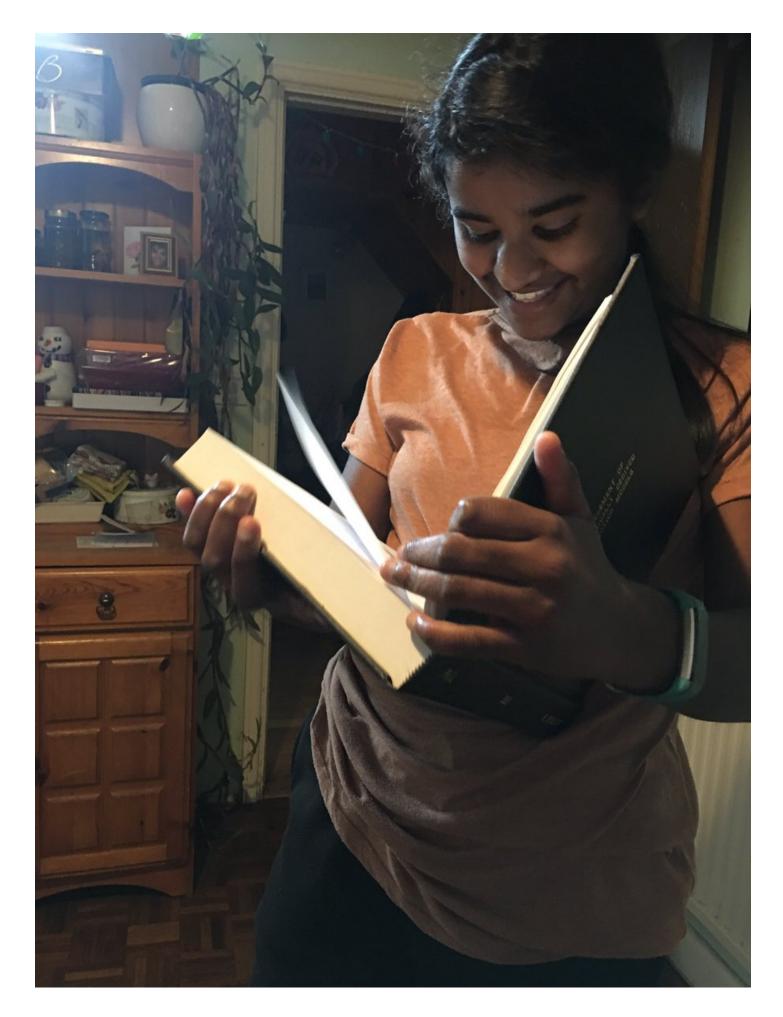
Glad to be in good company, Dr. Jill Biden

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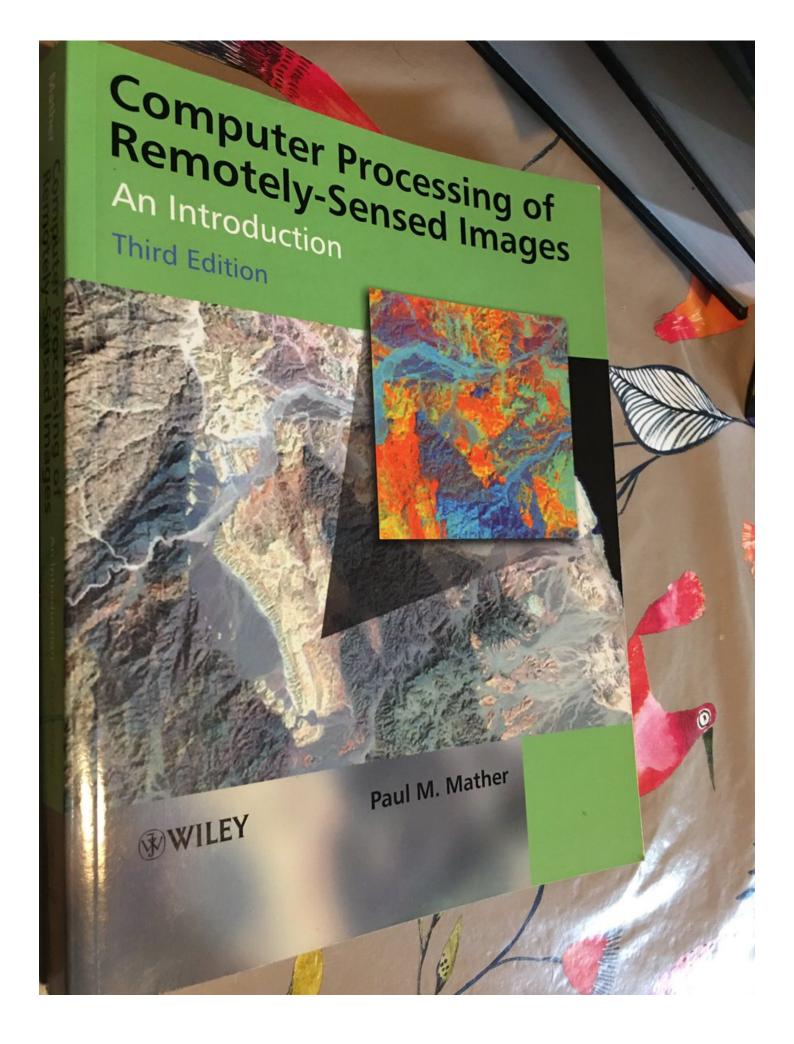
I had to write a chapter on what is interferometry as it was a new field and my research was assessing the data derived from interferometric processing of radar data for the purpose of generating 3D terrain and how good we can expect them to be



Kids checking for "English mistakes"



Couldn't help but look at my prof's third edition which included a chapter on interferometry after & based on my research to look for acknowledgement - he had mentioned all PhD students "for good nature". He sent me a signed copy to let me know



I couldn't help but remember the conversation we had, "I am happy to give you reference but I wouldn't want you sitting in a room here as a lecturer. You are brown. You can go wherever and I will support you in finding a job". That didn't immediately got me out of academia

It was working with Oxbridge and at UCL that eventually helped me move out. I must say the sexism that I endured at the hands of Tamil people in the UK had a far more impactful consequences that played a major role during that phase of my life.

All good in the end. Hence any sexism or racism I go through now will result in a far more bigger and better things not just for me but for the people around me. I am working towards that, as always.

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