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RESEARCH Interests Optimization, Integer Programming, Probabilistic Methods and Analysis, Randomization

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization Aug. 2012

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta

B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering Jun, 2007

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

APPOINTMENTS Assistant Professor

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering Sep, 2014-present

Affiliate Assistant Professor

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

Department of Computer Science Sep, 2014-present

Simons Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Host: Salil Vadhan Sep, 2012-Aug, 2014

Visiting Researcher

International Computer Science Institute (ICSI), Berkeley, CA

Algorithms Group Host: Richard Kar

Host: Richard Karp Jul-Oct, 2011

Research Intern

Microsoft Research, Bangalore, India

Algorithms Research Group

Host: Navin Goyal May-Jul, 2009 Host: Amit Deshpande May-Jul, 2008

Applied Mathematics Group

Host: Satya V. Lokam May-Jul, 2007

Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA

Algorithms Group

Host: Ramarathnam Venkatesan Jun-Aug, 2006

#### Teaching

Integer Programming, IE 511 (Graduate), Spring 2017

Operations Research & Lab, IE 310, IE 311 (Undergraduate), Fall 2016 Operations Research & Lab, IE 310, IE 311 (Undergraduate), Spring 2016

Combinatorial Optimization, IE 598 (Graduate), Fall 2015 Integer Programming, IE 511 (Graduate), Spring 2015

- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

#### STUDENTS

PhD Advisees: Chao Xu, UIUC (2016–present, joint with Prof. Chandra Chekuri)

Undergrad advisees: Jingwen Jiang, UIUC (2015–16, currently PhD student at Univ. of Chicago)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Odd Multiway Cut in Directed Acyclic Graphs

(with S. Mozaffari)

- (To appear in) International Symposium on Parameterized and Exact Computation (IPEC'17), Sep 2017

## Global and fixed-terminal cuts in digraphs

(with K. Bérczi, T. Király, E. Lee, C. Xu)

- (To appear in) International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems (APPROX'17), Aug 2017

### On the Expansion of Group-Based Lifts

(with N. Agarwal, A. Kolla, V. Madan)

- (To appear in) International Workshop on Randomization and Computation (RANDOM'17), Aug  $2017\,$ 

### Local Testing for Membership in Lattices

(with M. Cheraghchi, V. Gandikota, E. Grigorescu)

- Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS'16), Dec 2016

# Shift Lifts Preserving Ramanujan Property

(with A. Velingker)

- Linear Algebra and its Applications, Vol. 529, 2017

### Deciding Orthogonality in Construction-A Lattices

(with V. Gandikota, E. Grigorescu)

- SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, Vol. 31, Issue 1, 2017
- Prelim. version in Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS'15), Dec 2015

# Finding Small Stabilizers for Unstable Graphs

(with A. Bock, J. Könemann, B. Peis, L. Sanità)

- Mathematical Programming, Vol. 154, Issue 1, 2015
- Prelim. version in Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO'14), Jun 2014

# Finding a Most Biased Coin with Fewest Flips

(with R. Karp)

- Conference on Learning Theory (COLT'14), Jun 2014

# Faster Private Release of Marginals on Small Databases

(with J. Thaler, J. Ullman, A. Wan)

- Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS'14), Jan 2014

### Integer Feasibility of Random Polytopes

(with S. Vempala)

- Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS'14), Jan 2014

# The Cutting Plane Algorithm is Polynomial for Perfect Matchings

(with L. Végh, S. Vempala)

- Mathematics of Operations Research, Vol 41, No. 1, 2016
- Prelim. version in IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS'12), Oct 2012

#### Algorithms for Implicit Hitting Set Problems

(with R. Karp, E. Moreno-Centeno, S. Vempala)

- ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA'11), Jan 2011

### Deterministic Algorithms for the Lovász Local Lemma

(with N. Goyal, B. Haeupler)

- SIAM Journal on Computing, Vol. 42, Issue 6, 2013
- Prelim. version in ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA'10), Jan 2010

### Thin Partitions: Isoperimetric Inequalities and Sampling Algorithms for some Nonconvex Families

(with D. Dadush, S. Vempala)

- ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA'10), Jan 2010

### Sampling s-Concave Functions

(with A. Deshpande, S. Vempala)

- International Workshop on Randomization and Computation (RANDOM'09), Aug 2009

### An Observation about Variations of the Diffie-Hellman Assumption

(with R. Bhaskar, S. V. Lokam, P. L. Montgomery, R. Venkatesan, Y. Yacobi)

- Serdica Journal of Computing, Vol. 3, No. 3, 2009

### Vulnerabilities in Anonymous Credential Systems

(with R. Bhaskar, S. V. Lokam, P. L. Montgomery, R. Venkatesan, Y. Yacobi)

- Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science, Vol. 197, No. 2, 2008

### In Review

#### Hypergraph k-Cut in Randomized Polynomial Time

(with C. Xu, X. Yu)

#### A tight $\sqrt{2}$ -approximation for Linear 3-Cut

(with K. Bérczi, T. Király, V. Madan)

#### Largest Eigenvalue and Invertibility of Symmetric Matrix Signings

(with C. Carlson, H-C. Chang, A. Kolla)

### Additive Stabilizers for Unstable Graphs

(with C. Gottschalk, J. Könemann, B. Peis, D. Schmand, A. Wierz)

### Talks

### Global and fixed-terminal cuts in digraphs

Midwest Theory Day, Indiana University, Bloomington	Apr, 2017
ACO25, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta	Jan, 2017

### Lattice Optimization

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Apr, 2016

Stabilizers for Unstable Graphs INFORMS '16, Nashville Workshop in Current Trends in Combinatorial Optimization, Shonan, Japan ISMP '15, Pittsburgh	Nov, 2016 Apr, 2016 Jul, 2015
Local Testing for Membership in Lattices Hausdorff Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	Nov, 2015 Sep, 2015
Finding Small Stabilizers for Unstable Graphs INFORMS '14, San Francisco Purdue University, West Lafayette University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Flexible Network Design Workshop, Lugano, Switzerland	Nov, 2014 Oct, 2014 Sep, 2014 Aug, 2014
Finding a Most Biased with Fewest Flips EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany Conference on Learning Theory 2014, Barcelona, Spain	Jul, 2014 Jun, 2014 Jun, 2014
Integer Feasibility of Random Polytopes Microsoft Research, Redmond Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science 2014, Princeton	Mar, 2014 Mar, 2014 Jan, 2014
Faster Private Release of Marginals on Small Databases University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada Purdue University, West Lafayette	Oct, 2013 Sep, 2013
A Polynomial-time Cutting Plane Algorithm for Perfect Matchings Northeastern University, Boston Brown University, Providence Flexible Network Design Workshop, Toronto, Canada Bellairs Workshop on Combinatorial Optimization, Barbados Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science 2012, New Brunswick Harvard University, Cambridge Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago	Dec, 2013 Oct, 2013 Aug, 2013 Apr, 2013 Jan, 2013 Oct, 2012 Oct, 2012 Jun, 2012
A Discrepancy based Approach to Integer Programming Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Halifax, Canada Workshop on Computation and Phase Transitions, Atlanta Discrete Optimization Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta INFORMS '11, Charlotte Microsoft Research, Silicon Valley IBM Research, Almaden University of California, Berkeley	Jun, 2012 Jun, 2012 Jun, 2012 Jan, 2012 Nov, 2011 Nov, 2011 Sep, 2011 Aug, 2011
Algorithms for Implicit Hitting Set Problems Random Structures and Algorithms, Atlanta ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms 2011, San Francisco Microsoft Research, Bangalore, India Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India	May, 2011 Jan, 2011 Dec, 2010 Dec, 2010

ACO Student Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta	Apr, 2010
Algorithms for the Lovász Local Lemma Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Dec. 2010
Combinatorics Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta	Sep, 2009
Sampling Star-shaped Bodies Microsoft Research, Bangalore, India	Jul, 2009
Sampling s-Concave Functions INFORMS '09, San Diego	Oct, 2009

### Awards and Honors

#### Best Ph.D. Thesis Award

Sigma Xi Chapter, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2013

### College of Computing Dissertation Prize

Georgia Institute of Technology, 2012

RANDOM-APPROX 2009, Berkeley

Microsoft Research, Bangalore, India

### Algorithms and Randomness Center (ARC) Fellowship

Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2010, Spring 2012

### Professional Service

#### Reviewer for conferences

- FOCS (2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2010), APPROX (2017), STOC (2017, 2016, 2015, 2011), SODA (2017, 2016, 2015), COLT (2016, 2014), IPCO (2016), PODS (2015), CCC (2014), FSTTCS (2013), LATIN (2012), RANDOM (2012), ALT (2012), NIPS (2010)

#### Reviewer for journals

- SIAM Journal on Computing (SICOMP), Journal of Computer and System Sciences (JCSS), Mathematics of Operations Research, SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics (SIDMA), Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, Mathematical Programming, Discrete Optimization

# Session Organizer

"Algorithmic Learning Theory", The INFORMS Annual Meeting (2012), Phoenix

### SERVICE

# College of Engineering, UIUC

- College of Engineering Committee (2015–2016): Evaluated the revised CS curriculum and new CS courses
- Library committee (2014–2015)

### Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering, UIUC

- Graduate Committee (2016–2017)
- Advisory Committee (2016–2017)
- Seminars Committee (2015–2016)
- Grainger Engineering Breakthrough Initiative (GEBI) Hiring Committee (2015–2016)
- ISE-CS Liaison (2014–2015)
- Courses and Curriculum Committee (2014–2015)
- Space Committee (2014–2015)

Aug, 2009

Jun, 2009

#### PhD Defense Committee

• Venkata Gandikota, Computer Science, Purdue, Spring 2017

# PhD Preliminary Exam Committee

- Chao Xu, Computer Science, UIUC, Spring 2017
- Shalmoli Gupta, Computer Science, UIUC, Spring 2017
- Vivek Madan, Computer Science, UIUC, Spring 2017
- Siyang Xie, Civil Engineering, UIUC, Spring 2017
- Mayank Baranwal, Mechanical Science and Engineering, UIUC, Fall 2016
- Venkata Gandikota, CS, Purdue, Fall 2015

### PhD Qualifiers Committee

- Reza Yousefi Maragheh, ISE, UIUC, Spring 2017
- Rungi Hu, ISE, UIUC, Fall 2015
- Shuanglong Wang, ISE, UIUC, Spring 2015

### Other

• Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Math Contest Oral Judge, 2016, 2017

References Available upon request