Atanas Dinev

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Operations Research, Advisor: Thodoris Lykouris

2022-Current

- Research Interests: Sequential Decision Making for Economic Environments, Economics and Computation,
 Online Algorithms, Online Marketplaces and Platforms
- Relevant Courses: Statistical Reinforcement Learning, Machine Learning, Inference and Information, Nonlinear Optimization, Probability, Linear Programming, Inventory Management, Revenue Management, GPA: 5/5

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

A.B. in Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.968/4

2018-2022

 Relevant Courses: Probability Theory, High-Dimensional Probability, Stochastic Calculus, Statistical Theory and Methods, Stochastic Control, Financial Econometrics, Machine Learning, Complex and Real Analysis, Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Algebra

Papers

- Optimal Exploration of New Products under Assortment Decisions
 - with Jackie Baek and Thodoris Lykouris
 - Working paper
- Social Learning with Limited Attention: Negative Reviews Persist under Newest First with Jackie Baek and Thodoris Lykouris
 - 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC), 2024
 - Major Revision at Operations Research
 - arXiv link: https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.06929
- Simple and Optimal Online Contention Resolution Schemes for k-Uniform Matroids with S. Matthew Weinberg
 - Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), 2024
 - arXiv link: https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.10078
- Tight Bounds on 3-Team Manipulations in Randomized Death Match

with S. Matthew Weinberg

- Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2022
- arXiv link: https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07862

Talks

- Optimal Exploration of New Products under Assortment Decisions
 - Conference on Digital Experimentation @ MIT (CODE@MIT 2025), November 2025
- Social Learning with Limited Attention: Negative Reviews Persist under Newest First
 - INFORMS Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference SIG (MSOM SIG 2025), June 2025
 - Marketplace Innovation Workshop (MIW 2025), May 2025
 - INFORMS Annual Meeting (INFORMS 2024), October 2024
 - INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Section Conference (RMP 2024), July 2024
 - 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC 2024), July 2024
 - INFORMS Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference (MSOM 2024), June 2024

• Simple and Optimal Online Contention Resolution Schemes for k-Uniform Matroids

• East Coast Regional Datathon, Citadel, Citadel Securities, and Correlation One - Top 8 out of 30

- Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), 2024
- Tight Bounds on 3-Team Manipulations in Randomized Death Match
 - Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2022

Honors and Awards

• Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University	May 2022
• Sigma Xi, Princeton University	May 2022
- Shapiro Prize For Academic Excellence, $Princeton\ University$, Top 2-3% of class	Sep 2020
• International Mathematical Olympiad 2016 - Bronze Medal, 2017 - Bronze Medal, 2018 - Bronze Medal	2016, 2017, 2018
• William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition - Top 200 out of 4000	2018,2019
• Balkan Mathematical Olympiad 2016 - Silver Medal, 2017 - Gold Medal, 2018 - Silver Medal	2016, 2017, 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• Teaching Assistant, Data, Models, and Decisions (15.060), MIT Graduate, MBA Core Course, 400 students

Fall 2024

Feb 2019

- Led recitations on random variables, linear and logistic regression, classiciation metrics, and optimization.
- Head Teaching Assistant, The Analytics Edge (15.071), MIT Graduate, MBA Course, 200 students

Spring 2024

- Designed and improved course materials on linear regression, classification, regularization, and CART.
- Princeton University, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2022

Economics and Computation (COS 445), Undergraduate, 200 students

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Citadel Securities LLC

New York, NY

Quantitaive Trading Intern

Summer 2021

- Learned about financial markets; built time series model for ETF returns; analyzed counterparty accumulation.

Aquatic Capital Management

Chicago, IL

Research Intern

Summer 2020

- Investigated a coordinate descent algorithm and optimized its performance on elastic net for large datasets.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Seminar Coordinator, MIT Operations Research Center (ORC)

Spring 2025

- Organize and coordinate weekly seminars featuring invited speakers in operations research and related fields.

SKILLS

Advanced: Python, R, Numpy, Pandas, scikit-learn, statsmodels, LATEX, Power Point

Intermediate: Git, GitHub, Julia, JuMP, Gurobi, Java, Excel

Basic: Matlab, C++

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