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CITIZENSHIP

Russia

FDUCATION

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Sep 2016 – present | PhD Department: Mathematics Advisor: Larry Guth

Thesis topic (tentative): Urysohn

width

Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology

Sep 2014 – Jun 2016 | Master Sep 2010 – Jun 2014 | Bachelor Department: Control and Applied Mathematics

Advisor: Roman Karasev Thesis: "Shortest closed billiard trajectories in convex bodies in connection with Viterbo's conjecture"

LANGUAGES

Russian | mother-tongue English | fluent C++/C#/Unity | modest

HOBBIES

Singing in choir
Playing piano four hands
Gongfu tea
Indie games
Augmented reality
Kintsugi
Metamodern arts & crafts
Linguistics

RESEARCH

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Metric, convex, discrete, symplectic geometry

SELECTED PAPERS AND PREPRINTS

- Waist of maps measured via Urysohn width (with A. Berdnikov), in preparation (2020)
- Local-to-global Urysohn width estimates (with A. Berdnikov), preprint (2020)
- A multi-plank generalization of the Bang and Kadets inequalities, preprint (2020)
- Flip cycles in plabic graphs (with J. Wellman), Selecta Math. (N.S.) 26.1 (2020): 1-29
- Equality cases in Viterbo's conjecture and isoperimetric billiard inequalities, Int. Math. Res. Not. 2020.7 (2020): 1957-1978
- On the Circle Covering Theorem by A. W. Goodman and R. E. Goodman (with A. Akopyan and M. Grigorev), Discrete Comput. Geom. 59.4 (2017): 1001-1009
- Shortest closed billiard trajectories in the plane and equality cases in Mahler's conjecture, Geom. Dedicata 184.1 (2016): 121–134
- Billiards in convex bodies with acute angles (with A. Akopyan), Israel J. Math. 216.2 (2016): 833-845
- Elementary approach to closed billiard trajectories in asymmetric normed spaces (with A. Akopyan, R. Karasev and A. Sharipova), Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. 144.10 (2016): 4501-4513
- Another Ham Sandwich in the Plane (with A. Garber and R. Karasev), Ann. Comb. 19.2 (2015): 235-242

DISTINCTION

Mar 2015 Laureate of Simons stipend for students in Moscow
Nov 2014 Winner (2nd place) on 18th All-Russian Möbius Contest
First Prize at International Mathematics Competition
for University Students | Bulgaria
Apr 2010 Winner at All-Russian Mathematical Olympiad

TFACHING & MENTORING

SPUR MENTOR | MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2020 E. Bullock and K. Gravel | Higher Secondary Polytopes for Zonotopal Tilings2018 J. Wellman | Flips in reduced plabic graphs

TEACHING ASSISTANT | MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2017-present recitation teacher: Convex optimization grader: Probability | Linear Algebra | Functional analysis

TEACHING ASSISTANT | MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY

2014–2016 among other things: Topics in algebra (link in Russian) | Topics in geometric combinatorics (link in Russian)