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Education

Ph.D., Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin. GPA: 3.3/4

(2014 - present) (Spring 2018)

B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi. (2009 - 2013)

GPA: 7.9/10

Exchange semester, Ecole des Mines, Saint-Etienne.

(2011)

Professional Experience

Research Intern at Oracle Corp., Belmont, CA, USA.

(2018)

- Completed a code proof to certify the correctness of a highly optimised assembly language program.
- Contributed to a timing analysis of this program, to ensure the avoidance of race conditions.
- Studied the potential use of the TLAPS theorem prover for distributed systems, and created some preliminary internal documentation.

Research Intern at Apple Computer, Inc., Austin, TX, USA.

(2017)

- Used model checking tools towards verifying Apple's hardware microarchitectures
- Developed proofs of correctness of hardware components with respect to specifications, with code changes where necessary.

Research Intern at Intel Corporation, Austin, TX, USA.

(2015)

- Built a Pintool to dynamically analyse executables.
- Augmented the analysis with fine-grained information obtained from static analysis techniques.

Software Engineer at Samsung Research Institute, Noida, India. (2013-2014)

- Optimised the Linux kernel for Samsung's Android devices.
- Improved core components of the Linux virtual memory subsystem.

Research Experience

Filesystem modelling for FAT32 with Professor William R. Cook, CS department, UT Austin. (2016-present)

- Developed a binary-compatible executable model for the FAT32 file system.
- Used the model as a basis for separation-based reasoning about filesystems and file-manipulating programs with ACL2.
- Published papers on this work in the proceedings of ACL2-2018 and ITP-2019.

Program verification in object-oriented languages with Professors Isil Dillig and Thomas Dillig, CS department, UT Austin. (2014-2015)

- Developed a prototype verifier based on Hoare logic and weakest pre-conditions.
- Used the Soot compiler framework to generate verification conditions and the Z3 theorem prover to discharge them.
- Generated example inputs demonstrating bugs in several test programs.

Algorithms for bisimilarity with Professor S Arun Kumar, CSE Department, IIT Delhi (2012-2013)

- Conceptualised and implemented a toolkit for verifying bisimilarity and other properties of timed automata and labelled transition systems.
- Improved an algorithm for generating a zone graph from a timed automaton.

Publications

Formalising Filesystems in the ACL2 Theorem Prover: an Application to FAT32. In: Proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on the ACL2 Theorem Prover and Its Applications, Austin, Texas, USA, November 5-6, 2018. Electronic Proceedings in Theoretical Computer Science. Matt Kaufmann and Shilpi Goel, editors. Vol. 280, pp. 18-29, 2018. URL https://cgi.cse.unsw.edu.au/~eptcs/paper.cgi? ACL22018.2.

Binary-Compatible Verification of Filesystems with ACL2. In: 10th International Conference on Interactive Theorem Proving (ITP 2019) (Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs)), John Harrison, John O'Leary, and Andrew Tolmach (Eds.), Vol. 141. Schloss Dagstuhl-Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik, Dagstuhl, Germany, 25:1-25:18. URL https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.ITP.2019.25.

Coursework (selected graduate courses)

<u>UT Austin:</u> Automated Logical Reasoning, Introduction to Mathematical Logic, Formal Verification and Semantics, Automatic Verification of Software, Numerical Linear Algebra, Dependable Computing Systems, Advanced Operating Systems, Recursion and Induction.

IIT Delhi: Compiler Design, Theory of Computation, Numerical Optimisation.

Teaching assistantships (UT Austin)

<u>Graduate courses:</u> Programming Languages, Convex Optimization. <u>Undergraduate Courses:</u> Operating Systems, Debugging and Verifying Programs, <u>Automated Software Design.</u>

Technical Skills

Theorem provers: ACL2, Coq, TLAPS.

Programming languages: Functional languages (OCaml, SML),

logic programming languages (Prolog), hardware description languages (VHDL, Verilog).

Operating systems: GNU/Linux (kernel and application development).

Compiler frameworks: Soot (Java), LLVM (C++).

Others: Xilinx, Matlab, PostgreSQL.

Scholastic Achievements

- Awarded the UT Austin Graduate School's Recruitment Fellowship. (2014-2017)
- All India Rank 138 (out of 400000), Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE). (2009)
- Secured All India Rank 29 in the All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) among 1000000 candidates. (2009)
- Scored 99 percentile in Verbal and Analytical Reasoning, GRE. (2012)

Others

Languages: English, French, Gujarati, Hindi.