

# Arvind Ramaswami

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Interests: Combinatorial optimization, machine learning

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## Education

Georgia Tech (Fall 2017 - Fall 2020): BS Computer Science. (Threads: Intelligence and Theory.

Cumulative GPA: 3.82)

Georgia Tech (Expected Spring 2021 - Fall 2022): MS in Computer Science (Machine Learning,

Cumulative GPA: 3.36)

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## Relevant Coursework:

**Math Classes:** Advanced Graph Theory, Graduate Probability I, Analysis I, Abstract Algebra I, Algebraic Topology I

**CS Classes:** Machine Learning Theory, High-Performance Computing, Deep Learning, Robot Intelligence: Planning, Applied Cryptography, Intro to Database Systems

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## Research

**Theory CS Research - Advisor: Richard Peng**

**Jan 2022 - Present**

Attempted to make progress on a problem related to the Robust Interior Point method. Currently working on approximation algorithms for the optimal transport problem.-

**ML Research - Advisor: Jacob Abernethy**

**Sept 2019 – Oct 2021**

Evaluated the effectiveness of different optimization algorithms such as Mirror Prox in the adversarial learning problem. Wrote an undergraduate thesis *Minimax Perspective of Adversarial Examples* in Spring 2020. Worked with a group to develop adversarial robustness algorithms using multiclass boosting.

**ML Research - Advisor: Sebastian Pokutta**

**Jan 2018 – May 2019**

Engineered adversarial attacks on random forest classifiers and developed methods to make them more robust.

## Publications / Submitted Papers

*Sinkhorn has Exponential Convergence under Regularization* (Under review, NeurIPS 2022). With Richard Peng, Yang Liu, Jingbang Chen.

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## Skills

**Programming languages:** C++, Python, Java, Javascript

**Competitive programming:** Qualified for Round 3 of Google Code Jam (2021), ACM ICPC World Finalist (Rank 6 out of 50 teams in the North America Championship)

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## Work Experience

**PerfectRec - Software Engineer Intern**

**June 2022 - Aug 2022**

Building a recommender system that recommends products to people by asking them an interactive sequence of questions.

**Amazon - Software Development Engineer (SDE) Intern**

**May 2020 – Aug 2020**

Designed a recommender system that matches advertisers to partners for AAPN (Amazon Advertiser Partner Network). Also performed cluster analysis on the advertiser data.

**Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory - Software Engineer Intern**

**May 2019 – Aug 2019**

Developed a testing framework for the calculations to set up experiments at the National Ignition Facility (NIF), the largest laser facility in the world. Proposed data science techniques to validate the calculations.

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## Leadership

### **Georgia Tech Programming Team -** *(President from Spring 2022 to present)*

**Aug 2017 – Present**

Prepares content for weekly meetings in topics such as dynamic programming, data structures, and combinatorial optimization. Arranges team practices for ICPC.

### **Big-O Theory Club -** *( President from Fall 2020 - Spring 2021)*

**Aug 2017 – May 2021**

Gave talks about theoretical computer science (examples of topics discussed: randomized algorithms, flows) and invited other students to give talks about their research.

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## Projects

### **ReconBlind Multi-Chess Agent**

**Nov 2020**

Worked on a team (for the class *Robot Intelligence: Planning*) to create an agent that would play [Reconchess](#). Based our agent on the [AlphaGo Zero paper by David Silver](#) and incorporated a policy neural network with Monte-Carlo Tree Search.

### **DonationTracker**

**Aug 2018 - Dec 2018**

Created an Android application in a team of five that allows people in need in Atlanta to locate places to get aid and receive donations. Used SQLite to persist profile information and wrote extensive JUnit tests.

### **WeLocate**

**Oct 2017**

Built a website that uses Yelp's API and AWS Machine Learning to find where to open their business. Received first-place awards at VandyHacks for the Most Disruptive Hack and the Best Financial Hack.

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## Miscellaneous

**Math Contests:** Represented Georgia for the American Regions Mathematics League (ARML) in 2015 and 2017, qualifier for American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) in 2017.

**Violin:** Previously a member of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, Georgia All-State Orchestra. Currently playing in the Georgia Tech Symphony Orchestra. Also learned conducting under Dr. Chaowen Ting.

**Spoken Languages:** English, Spanish, Tamil, Chinese.