# Ethan R. Elenberg

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**OBJECTIVE** 

Full-time position that allows for research experience in the areas of large-scale Combinatorial Optimization, Interpretable Machine Learning, and/or Graph Algorithms.

**EDUCATION** 

#### The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

- ♦ Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering, May 2018 (Expected)
- ♦ M.S., Electrical and Computer Engineering, May 2014

GPA: 3.9/4.0

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- Research Supervisors: Sriram Vishwanath and Alexandros G. Dimakis
- Academic Track: Communications, Networks, and Systems (CommNetS)

#### The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, NY

- ♦ B.E., Electrical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude, May 2012
  - Signal Processing & Communications Track
  - Minor in Mathematics

**Relevant Graduate Coursework:** Adaptive Filters, Advanced Probability, Classical Coding Theory, Digital Video, Introduction to Compressive Sensing, Machine Learning for Large-Scale Data, Postmodern Coding Theory, Randomized Algorithms

WORK EXPERIENCE

## **Graduate Research Assistant, The University of Texas**

August 2013 - Present

- Design distributed approximation algorithms for subgraph counting and graph analytics.
- Establish performance guarantees for nonlinear, large-scale, greedy feature selection.
- ♦ Develop interpretability measures for black-box models via combinatorial optimization.

# **Summer Intern, Twitter**

May 2017 - August 2017

- Designed and evaluated large-scale hashing algorithms to compute approximate, local subgraph features.
- Improved machine learning pipelines for sending personalized email recommendations.

# Summer Research Intern, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

May 2014 - August 2014

- Formulated and developed novel entropy-based autofocus algorithms for nearfield SAR.
- ♦ Evaluated performance on simulated, emulated, and measured SAR data.

#### Wireless Intern, Apple

May 2013 - August 2013

- Developed an EVM analysis tool for cellular QPSK signals.
- ♦ Provided factory support during an iPhone build.

## Summer Research Intern, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

June 2012 - August 2012

- Implemented extended and unscented Kalman filters in MATLAB for passive target tracking applications.
- Developed and tested a proof-of-concept passive RF direction finding circuit.

## S\*PROCOM<sup>2</sup> Research Fellow, The Cooper Union

August 2011 - May 2012

- Assisted with Cognitive Communications Gateway Engine software development.
- ♦ Implemented Voice over IP transcoding for software defined radio applications.

## Student Engineer, Southwest Research Institute

May 2011 - August 2011

- Developed image processing software in C for a 4-slap fingerprint reader.
- ♦ Assisted in mapping high-level algorithms to an embedded FPGA implementation.
- ♦ Implemented adaptive filtering, AR inverse model, and NPR filter bank algorithms in MATLAB for audio processing.

TECHNICAL SKILLS **Programs:** Cygwin, Git, GNU Radio, Gunicorn, IntelliJ, MATLAB, Mercurial, Microsoft Office, Perforce, Spark, SPICE, Xcode, Xilinx ISE, Unix Shell

 $\textbf{Languages:} \ C, \ C++, \ CUDA \ C, \ Motorola \ DSP \ 563xx \ assembly, \ HTML, \ \LaTeX, \ Objective \ C, \ PIC \ assembly, \ Python, \ R, \ Scala, \ VHDL$ 

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TECHNICAL	Frameworks: Flask, GraphLab, Keras, NumPy, Pandas, Scalding, scikit-learn, TensorFlow,	
SKILLS (CONTINUED)	<b>Algorithms:</b> Backprojection imaging, correlation clustering, CoSaMP, graph-based visual saliency, greedy forward regression, <i>k</i> -means clustering, locality sensitive hashing, Luby transform coding, nonlinear Kalman filtering, 802.11 Physical Layer, sparse PCA, stochastic gradient descent, support vector machines, triangle counting	
	Security Clearance: Last active August 2014, information available upon request	
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS	<b>E.R. Elenberg</b> , R. Khanna, A.G. Dimakis, and S. Negahban. "Restricted Strong Convexity Implies Weak Submodularity", to appear in <i>Annals of Statistics</i> , 2018.	
	<b>E.R. Elenberg</b> , A.G. Dimakis, M. Feldman, and A. Karbasi. "Streaming Weak Submodularity: Interpreting Neural Networks on the Fly", in <i>Proc. NIPS</i> , 2017. <b>Oral Presentation</b> .	
	R. Khanna, <b>E.R. Elenberg</b> , A.G. Dimakis, and S. Negahban. "On Approximation Guarantees for Greedy Low Rank Approximation", in <i>Proc. ICML</i> , August 2017.	
	R. Khanna, <b>E.R. Elenberg</b> , A.G. Dimakis, S. Negahban, and J. Ghosh. "Scalable Greedy Feature Selection via Weak Submodularity", in <i>Proc. AISTATS</i> , April 2017.	
	<b>E.R. Elenberg</b> , K. Shanmugam, M. Borokhovich, and A.G. Dimakis. "Distributed Estimation of Graph 4-profiles", in <i>Proc. WWW</i> , April 2016.	
	<b>E.R. Elenberg</b> , K. Shanmugam, M. Borokhovich, and A.G. Dimakis. "Beyond Triangles: A Distributed Framework for Estimating 3-profiles of Large Graphs", in <i>Proc. ACM KDD</i> , August 2015.	
	"Streaming Weak Submodularity: Interpreting Neural Networks on the Fly", Texas A&M University Information Science and Systems Seminar, College Station TX, Fall 2017.	
	"Machine Learning on Graphs: Profiles and Greedy Approximation", 2017 SIAM Conference on Optimization, Vancouver, BC. Invited Speaker.	
	"Kaggle Competitions." EE379K: Architectures for (Big) Data Science, U 2016. Guest Lecture.	T Austin, Spring
ACADEMIC WORK	Neural Network Interpretability via Streaming Weak Submodularity Restricted Strong Convexity and Weak Submodularity A Distributed Framework for Estimating $k$ -profiles of Large Graphs Video Saliency: Algorithms and Architectures Locality Sensitive Hashing Families for Large-Scale Image Compression iSCISM: interference Sensing and Coexistence in the ISM band - First Place - IEEE Region 1 Student Paper Competition MATLAB Implementation of MPEG-1 Audio Layer 1 Compression	2017 2016-2017 2014-2015 Spring 2014 2013-2014 2011-2012 Fall 2010
Honors and Awards	ICML Student Travel Award Cockrell School Fellowship Microelectronics & Computer Development Fellowship Cooper Union Full Tuition Scholarship Harold S. Goldberg Leadership Prize Irwin L. Lynn Memorial Prize in Mathematics	2017 2012-2016 2012-2013 2008-2012 May 2012 May 2012
MEMBERSHIPS	Reviewer: NIPS 2015-2017, AISTATS 2017, IEEE Transactions on Informal IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, Knowledge and Information Syste Internet Mathematics, ISIT 2016, Globecom 2013 Student Member, IEEE Member, Tau Beta Pi Member, Order of the Engineer Provident: Eta Konna Nu. Pro Musica, Cooper Promotio Society	•

2010-2012

President: Eta Kappa Nu, Pro Musica, Cooper Dramatic Society