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RESEARCH INTERESTS Graph Algorithms, Machine Learning, Combinatorial Optimization, Index Coding

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

- ⋄ Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering, Spring 2018 (Expected)
- M.S., Electrical and Computer Engineering, May 2014 GPA: 3.9/4.0
 - Research Supervisors: Sriram Vishwanath and Alexandros G. Dimakis
 - Academic Track: Communications, Networks, and Systems (CommNetS)

GPA: 4.0/4.0

2017

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

♦ B.E., Electrical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude, May 2012

Neural Network Interpretability via Streaming Weak Submodularity

- Signal Processing & Communications Track
- Minor in Mathematics

Graduate Coursework: Adaptive Filters, Advanced Probability, Classical Coding Theory, Digital Video, Introduction to Compressive Sensing, Introduction to System Theory, Large-Scale Learning, Machine Learning for Large-Scale Data, Optoelectronic Devices, Postmodern Coding Theory, Probability & Random Processes I, Randomized Algorithms, Wavelets & Multiresolution Imaging, Wireless Communications, Wireless System Design

ACADEMIC		
Work		

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Restricted Strong Convexity and Weak Submodularity	2016-2017
Triangle Sparsifier Bounds via Stein's Method	Fall 2015
A Distributed Framework for Estimating k -profiles of Large Graphs	2014-2015
Video Saliency: Algorithms and Architectures	Spring 2014
Locality Sensitive Hashing Families for Large-Scale Image Compression	2013-2014
Multihop Interference Alignment	Spring 2013
Dimensionality Reduction with Expander Graphs	Fall 2012
iSCISM: interference Sensing and Coexistence in the ISM band	2011-2012
 First Place - IEEE Region 1 Student Paper Competition 	
 Sponsored by ITT Exelis 	
Rateless LT Code Simulation for Visible Light Communication Channels	Spring 2012
Performance Evaluation of WiMAX in Urban Fading Channels	Spring 2012
MATLAB Implementation of MPEG-1 Audio Layer 1 Compression	Fall 2010
Development of a Vinyl Playback Simulator	2010
Construction of a Morse Code Decoder	Spring 2009

Publications AND **PRESENTATIONS**

- [1] R. Khanna, E.R. Elenberg, A.G. Dimakis, and S. Negahban. "On Approximation Guarantees for Greedy Low Rank Approximation", in Proc. ICML, 2017.
- [2] R. Khanna, E.R. Elenberg, A.G. Dimakis, S. Negahban, and J. Ghosh, "Scalable Greedy Feature Selection via Weak Submodularity", in *Proc. AISTATS*, 2017.
- [3] E.R. Elenberg, R. Khanna, A.G. Dimakis, and S. Negahban. "Restricted Strong Convexity Implies Weak Submodularity", in Proc. NIPS Workshop on Learning in High Dimensions with Structure, December 2016.
- [4] A. Bonato, D.R. D'Angelo, E.R. Elenberg, D.F. Gleich, and Y. Hou. "Mining and Modeling Character Networks", in Proc. WAW, December 2016.
- [5] E.R. Elenberg, K. Shanmugam, M. Borokhovich, and A.G. Dimakis. "Distributed Estimation of Graph 4-profiles", in Proc. World Wide Web Conference, April 2016.

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

- [6] E.R. Elenberg, K. Shanmugam, M. Borokhovich, and A.G. Dimakis. "Beyond Triangles: A Distributed Framework for Estimating 3-profiles of Large Graphs", in *Proc. ACM KDD*, August 2015.
- [7] J.I. Tamir, **E.R. Elenberg**, A. Banerjee, and S. Vishwanath. "Wireless Index Coding Through Rank Minimization", in *Proc. IEEE ICC*, June 2014.
- [8] J.L. Baylon, E.R. Elenberg, and S.G. Massengill. "iSCISM: interference Sensing and Coexistence in the ISM Band", *High Frequency Electronics*, vol. 11 no. 4 pp. 30-46, Apr. 2012.
- [9] "Machine Learning on Graphs: Profiles and Greedy Approximation", 2017 SIAM Conference on Optimization, Vancouver, BC. Invited Speaker.
- [10] "Graph Profiles: Algorithms and Approximation Guarantees", 2016 SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Atlanta, GA. Invited Speaker.
- [11] "Kaggle Competitions." EE379K: Architectures for (Big) Data Science, UT Austin, Spring 2016. Guest Lecture.
- [12] "iSCISM: interference Sensing and Coexistence in the ISM Band," 2012 NEWSDR Workshop, Boston, MA. Poster.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programs: Cygwin, Git, GNU Radio, IntelliJ, MATLAB, Mercurial, MPLAB, Microsoft Office, Perforce, S-PLUS, Spark, SPICE, Spyder, Visual C#, Xcode, Xilinx ISE, Unix Shell

Languages: C, C++, CUDA C, Motorola DSP 563xx assembly, HTML, LaTeX, Objective C, PIC assembly, Python, R, Scala, VHDL

Frameworks: GraphLab PowerGraph, NumbaPro, NumPy, Pandas, Scalding, scikit-learn, TinyOS

Algorithms: Adaptive filtering, backprojection imaging, correlation clustering, CoSaMP, graph-based visual saliency, greedy forward regression, image interpolation k-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, WiMAX Physical Layer, zig-zag and replacement product

Laboratory: Digital multimeter, oscilloscope, vector network analyzer wideband communication tester

Security Clearance: Last active August 2014, information available upon request

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, The University of Texas

August 2013 - Present

- ⋄ Member of Wireless Networking & Communications Group, LINC group.
- Design distributed approximation algorithms for graph analytics.
- Develop tools to analyze and visualize brain connectivity using task-based fMRI.
- Use tools from combinatorial optimization to prove performance guarantees of greedy algorithms for sparse regression and interpretability of black-box models.

Summer Intern, Twitter

May 2017 - August 2017

- ⋄ Design and evaluate large-scale algorithms to compute approximate subgraph features.
- Improve machine learning pipelines for 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.

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)	Summer Research Intern, MIT Lincoln Laboratory	
	S*PROCOM ² Research Fellow, The Cooper Union	
	Student Engineer, Southwest Research Institute ◇ Developed image processing software in C for a 4-slap of Assisted in mapping high-level algorithms to an embedded of Implemented adaptive filtering, AR inverse model, and MATLAB for audio processing. Audio/Visual Technician, The Cooper Union ◇ Operated sound for Great Hall events and audio/visual expression of Supervised movement of equipment to the New Academ	ded FPGA implementation. I NPR filter bank algorithms in September 2008 - May 2011 equipment for classes.
	Quantitative Research Intern, The Millburn Corporation	
	Math Tutor, The Cooper Union ⋄ Assisted individual students with Intro to Linear Algebra	October 2009 - February 2010 concepts and homework.
HONORS AND AWARDS	Cockrell School Fellowship Microelectronics & Computer Development Fellowship Cooper Union Full Tuition Scholarship Dean's List Harold S. Goldberg Leadership Prize Irwin L. Lynn Memorial Prize in Mathematics Radio Club of America Scholarship Abdul Azimi Memorial Scholarship C.V. Starr Scholarship Jesse Sherman Book Award in Electrical Engineering Barry Federman SAME Scholarship	2012-2016 2012-2013 2008-2012 2008-2012 May 2012 March 2012 November 2011 October 2011 September 2010
MEMBERSHIPS	Reviewer, NIPS Reviewer, Internet Mathematics Reviewer, AISTATS	2015-2017 2017 2017

Reviewer, ISIT 2016 Reviewer, DySPAN 2014 Reviewer, Globecom Communication Theory Symposium 2013 Student Member, IEEE 2011-Present Member, Tau Beta Pi 2010-Present Member, Order of the Engineer 2012-Present President, Eta Kappa Nu 2011-2012 President, Pro Musica 2010-2012 Musical Director, Cooper Dramatic Society 2009-2011