

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Algorithms, distributed computing algorithms, randomized algorithms

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis Ph.D. in Computer Science, Supervisor: David Doty – GPA: 3.95/4.0	Davis, CA 2017 –Current
Sharif University of Technology M.Sc. in Computer Engineering, Supervisor: H. Zarrabi-Zadeh – GPA: 18.78/20 – equivalent to 4.0/4.0, ranked 3rd in class – Thesis: “Online algorithms for fair allocation of goods”	Tehran, Iran 2015–2017
Sharif University of Technology B.Sc. in Computer Science	Tehran, Iran 2010–2015

PUBLICATIONS

Author names are sorted in alphabetical order.

1. Dynamic size counting in population protocols. David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari. In the 1st Symposium on Algorithmic Foundations of Dynamic Networks (**SAND 2022**)
2. A Time and Space Optimal Stable Population Protocol Solving Exact Majority. David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari, Leszek Gąsieniec, Eric Severson, Grzegorz Stachowiak, and Przemysław Uznański.
 - Appears In the 62nd Annual of IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (**FOCS 2021**)
 - Brief announcement: In the 40th ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (**PODC 2021**)
3. A survey of size counting in population protocols. David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari. Theoretical Computer Science Journal (**TCS 2021**)
4. Message complexity of population protocols. Talley Amir, James Aspnes, David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari, and Eric Severson. In the 34th International Symposium on Distributed Computing (**DISC 2020**)
5. Efficient size estimation and impossibility of termination in uniform dense population protocols. David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari. In the 38th ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (**PODC 2019**)
6. Brief announcement: Exact size counting in uniform population protocols in nearly logarithmic time. David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari, Othon Michail, Paul G. Spirakis, and Michail Theofilatos. In the 32nd International Symposium on Distributed Computing (**DISC 2018**)

EXPERIENCE

Google

Software Engineering Intern at Google

Summer 2020

- Expanding Google’s knowledge Graph

Sharif University of Technology

Research Assistant

2015 - 2017

- Online algorithms for fair allocation of goods
- I designed and analyzed a new online allocation algorithm. I also proved a lower bound on the competitive ratio of any proposed algorithms for the problem.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- UC Davis GGCS Richard Walters scholarship recipient Summer 2021
- GHC scholarship recipient Summer 2020
- CRA-W scholarship recipient Spring 2019
- UC Davis graduate fellowship recipient Fall 2017
- Ranked 15th, National Scientific Olympiad in Computer Engineering. Summer 2015
- Ranked 3rd, National Graduate Entrance Exam in CS. (amongst more than 5000 students) Spring 2015
- Ranked 15th, National Graduate Entrance Exam in Computer Engineering, Software Engineering, Algorithms and Computations. (amongst more than 18000 students) Spring 2015

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- Mentored a female transfer student via MANRRS program Fall 2021
(Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences Mentorship Program)
- Mentoring a graduate student via GSoC program Winter & Spring 2022
(Graduate Students of Color Mentorship Program)

SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Invited talks

- The 7th Highlights of Algorithms (HALG 2022) Summer 2022
A time and space optimal stable population protocol solving exact majority
- CS theory seminar at Purdue University Fall 2021
Computation in population protocols with a focus on the majority problem
- Theory of Efficient Algorithms seminar series at University of Hamburg Spring 2021
A stable majority population protocol using logarithmic time and states

Conference reviewer

- ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC) 2022
- International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP) 2022
- Symposium on Algorithmic Foundations of Dynamic Networks (SAND) 2022
- International Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC) 2020
- International Conference on DNA Computing and Molecular Programming (DNA) 2019

- Conference on Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science (FSTTCS) 2019
- Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS) 2019

Journal referee

- Journal of Distributed Computing (DIST) 2021
- Journal of Computer and System Sciences (JCSS) 2021
- Journal of Natural Computing (NACO) 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Responsibilities: Leading discussion classes, designing homeworks, maintaining auto-grading homeworks, leading interactive Java programming labs, and holding office hours.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

University of California, Davis

- **Head Teaching Assistant** Fall 2021
Theory of Computation (ECS 120)
- **Teaching Assistant** Winter'18, Spring 18, 20, 21
Theory of Computation (ECS 120)

Sharif University of Technology

- **Teaching Assistant** Spring 2014,15
Advanced Programming (Java)
- **Teaching Assistant** Spring 2015
Principles of Computer System

GRADUATE COURSES

- **Teaching Assistant** at University of California, Davis
Winter'19
Theory of Computation (ECS 220)
- **Teaching Assistant** at Sharif University of
Technology Spring 2017
Approximation Algorithms
- **Teaching Assistant** at Sharif University of
Technology Fall 2016
Computational Geometry