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Interests Algorithms for big data analysis, machine learning and data science, data privacy.

2016 -Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

Assistant Professor of Computer Science.

2014 - 2016University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

> Postdoctoral Fellow at the Warren Center for Network and Data Sciences, hosted by the departments of Computer and Information Sciences and Statistics at the Wharton Business School. Mentors: Michael Kearns (CIS) and Elchanan Mossel (Stat).

2013 - 2014Brown University ICERM, Providence, RI.

Institute Postdoctoral Fellow. Mentor: Philip Klein.

2010 - 2013Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA (Joined by invitation, didn't apply to any other Ph.D. programs)

> Ph.D., Thesis: "Efficient Combinatorial Techniques in Sparsification, Summarization and Testing of Large Datasets." Advisor: Sofya Raskhodnikova.

Academic University of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia 2008 - 2010

M.S. in Applied Mathematics and Physics.

2004 - 2008St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University, St. Petersburg, Russia

B.S. in Physics and Technology.

Microsoft Research, Redmond, May 2013 – August 2013. Research

Theory group, mentored by Konstantin Makarychev. INTERNSHIPS

Microsoft Research, Silicon Valley, August 2012 – October 2012.

Theory group, mentored by Alexandr Andoni.

IBM Research, Almaden, May 2012 – July 2012.

Theory group, mentored by David P. Woodruff.

AT&T Labs – Research, May 2011 — August 2011.

Database theory group, mentored by Graham Cormode, Cecilia M. Procopiuc, Divesh Srivastava and Howard Karloff.

Awards and

• Warren Center Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2014 — 2016.

- ACHIEVEMENTS Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University, ICERM, 2013 2014.
 - Best Graduate Research Assistant at Computer Science and Engineering Department, Penn State, 2012.
 - TopCoder Open Algorithm Competition Finalist (Top 24 worldwide), 2010.
 - College of Engineering Fellowship, Penn State, 2010 2013.
 - University Graduate Fellowship, Penn State, 2010 2011.
 - Yandex personal research grant, Academic University of the RAS, 2009 2010.

Funding

• NSF CRII Award: "Algorithms for Noise-Tolerant Function Testing with Applications to Deep Learning", 2017–2019. Sole PI, award amount: \$175K.

Conference Authors listed in alphabetical order unless otherwise specified: Papers

• "Tight Bounds on Linear Sketches of Approximate Matchings", with S. Assadi, S. Khanna and Y. Li.

SODA 2016 (27th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms).

• "Amplification of One-Way Information Complexity via Codes and Noise Sensitivity", with M. Molinaro and D. Woodruff.

ICALP 2015 (42nd International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming).

• "Near Optimal LP Rounding Algorithm for Correlation Clustering on Complete and Complete k-partite Graphs", with S. Chawla, K. Makarychev and T. Schramm.

STOC 2015 (47th ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing).

• "Certifying Equality with Limited Interaction", with J. Brody, A. Chakrabarti, R. Kondapally and D. Woodruff.

RANDOM 2014 (18th International Workshop on Randomization and Computation).

• "Beyond Set Disjointness: The Communication Complexity of Finding the Intersection", with J. Brody, A. Chakrabarti, R. Kondapally and D. Woodruff.

PODC 2014 (33rd ACM SIGACT-SIGOPS Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing).

• "Parallel Algorithms for Geometric Graph Problems", with A. Andoni, K. Onak and A. Nikolov.

STOC 2014 (46th ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing).

"L_p-testing", with P. Berman and S. Raskhodnikova.
 STOC 2014 (46th ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing).

• "Lower Bounds for Testing Properties of Functions over Hypergrid Domains", with E. Blais and S. Raskhodnikova.

CCC 2014 (29th IEEE Conference on Computational Complexity).

• ¹ "Accurate and Efficient Private Release of Datacubes and Contingency Tables". G. Yaroslavtsev, G. Cormode, C. Procopiuc and D. Srivastava.

ICDE 2013 (29th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering).

• "Beating the Direct Sum Theorem in Communication Complexity with Implications for Sketching", with Marco Molinaro and David Woodruff.

SODA 2013 (24th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms).

Invited to a special issue of "Algorithmica" on "Information Complexity and Applications".

• "Learning Pseudo-Boolean k-DNF and Submodular Functions", with S. Raskhodnikova. SODA 2013 (24th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms).

¹This is the only paper with non-alphabetical ordering of authors

- "Primal-dual algorithms for Node-Weighted Network Design in Planar Graphs", with . Berman.
 - APPROX 2012 (15th International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems).
- "Private Analysis of Graph Structure", with V. Karwa, S. Raskhodnikova and A. Smith. VLDB 2011 (37th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases), Research track.
- "Improved Approximation for the Directed Spanner Problem", with P. Berman, A. Bhattacharyya, K. Makarychev and S. Raskhodnikova.
 - ICALP 2011 (38th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming).

Runner-up for the Best Paper Award, invited to a special issue of a journal "Information and Computation".

- "Steiner Transitive-Closure Spanners of Low-Dimensional Posets", with P. Berman, A. Bhattacharrya, E. Grigorescu, S. Raskhodnikova and D. Woodruff.
 - ICALP 2011 (38th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming).
- "Finding Efficient Circuits using SAT-solvers", with A. Kojevnikov and A. Kulikov.
 SAT 2009 (12th International Conference on Theory and Applications of Satisfiability Testing).

Journal Papers

Authors listed in alphabetical order:

- "Private Algorithms for the Protected in Social Network Search", with M. Kearns, A. Roth and S. Wu.
 - PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences), via direct submission, 2016
- "Certifying Equality with Limited Interaction", with J. Brody, A. Chakrabarti, R. Kondapally and D. Woodruff.
 - Algorithmica, special issue on "Information Complexity and Applications", to appear.
- "Private Analysis of Graph Structure", with V. Karwa, S. Raskhodnikova and A. Smith. ACM Transactions on Database Systems, 2014.
- "Steiner Transitive-Closure Spanners of Low-Dimensional Posets", with P. Berman, A. Bhattacharyya, E. Grigorescu, S. Raskhodnikova and D. Woodruff.

 Combinatorica, 2014.
- "Approximation Algorithms for Spanner Problems and Directed Steiner Forest", with P. Berman, A. Bhattacharyya, K. Makarychev and S. Raskhodnikova.
 Information and Computation, special issue for ICALP'11, 2012.
- "New upper bounds on the Boolean Circuit Complexity of Symmetric Functions", with E. Demenkov, A. Kojevnikov and A. Kulikov.

 Information Processing Letters, 2010.

Preprints Co-authors listed in alphabetical order:

- "Linear Sketchnig over \mathbb{F}_2 ", with S. Kannan and E. Mossel. ArXiv:1611.01879
- "Going for Speed: Sublinear Algorithms for Dense r-CSPs". ArXiv:1407.7887
- "Online Algorithms for Machine Minimization", with N. Devanur, K. Makarychev and D. Panigrahi. ArXiv:1403.0486

TEACHING

"Foundations of Data Science"

- Indiana University, Bloomington, CSCI-B609, Fall 2016.
- "Algorithms for Big Data"
- University of Pennsylvania, CIS 700, Fall 2015.
- "Computational Learning Theory"
- University of Pennsylvania, CIS 625, Spring 2015 (co-teaching with Michael Kearns).
- "Sublinear Algorithms for Big Data"
- University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. 15-hour crash course. July August 2014.

Tutorial "Algorithms for MapReduce and Beyond" (with Sergei Vassilvitskii, Google)

• 24th International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2015), Melbourne, Australia.

Guest lecturer at undergraduate classes:

- CIS 399, "Foundations of Data Science", University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2016.
- CMPSC 464, "Introduction to the Theory of Computing", Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2010.

Extracurricular education for high-school students:

- Prepared training contests for the United States team in International Olympiad in Informatics 2011.
- Co-founder and coordinator of St. Petersburg network of extracurricular education in informatics for high-school students (http://spbtc.ru) (2009-2010).

SERVICE

Internal service at Indiana University:

- Head of the graduate research award committee ('16-)
- Graduate admission committee member ('16-'17).

Service to federal funding agencies:

- Panelist for NSF CCF core programs.
- Reviewer for Israeli Science Foundation grant proposals.

Program committees:

- 23rd International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON'17).
- 28th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA'17).
- 24th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA'16), Design and Analysis Track.
- 41st International Conference on Current Trends in Theory and Practice of Computer Science (SOFSEM'15), Foundations of Computer Science Track.

Organizer:

• Big Data through the Lens of Sublinear Algorithms 2-day workshop at Rutgers University, DIMACS, Aug 2015. http://grigory.us/mpc-workshop-dimacs.html

- Algorithmic Frontiers of Modern Massively Parallel Computation 1-day workshop at ACM FCRC/STOC, Jun 2015. http://grigory.us/mpc-workshop-fcrc.html
- Sublinear Algorithms and Big Data Day at Brown University, ICERM, Apr 2014. http://grigory.us/big-data-day.html
- Theory Seminar at the University of Pennsylvania, Computer and Information Sciences Department (2014 2016). http://theory.cis.upenn.edu/seminar/
- Theory Seminar at Brown CS Department and Brown University, ICERM (2013 2014). http://grigory.us/theory-seminar-brown-spring14.html

REVIEWING The

Theory conferences:

- STOC (ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing): 2017, 2016, 2015.
- FOCS (IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science): 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012.
- SODA (ACM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms): 2016, 2013, 2012.
- ICALP (Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming): 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013.
- CCC (Conference on Computational Complexity): 2016.
- RANDOM (Workshop on Randomization and Computation): 2015, 2014.
- APPROX (Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems): 2012.
- ESA (European Symposium on Algorithms): 2015.
- MFCS (Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science): 2013, 2010.

Databases and large-scale data processing conferences:

- PODS (ACM Symposium on Principles of Database Systems): 2017, 2016.
- SPAA (ACM Symposium on Parallelism in Algorithms and Architectures): 2017.
- VLDB (Conference on Very Large Databases): 2012.
- CIKM (ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management): 2014.

Machine learning and learning theory conferences:

- COLT (Conference on Learning Theory): 2016.
- ALT (Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory): 2014.
- NIPS (Neural Information Processing Systems): 2016, 2017

Journals:

- SICOMP (SIAM Journal on Computing)
- I&C (Information and Computation)
- TKDE (IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering)
- ToC (Theory of Computing)
- RSA (Random Structures and Algorithms)
- Algorithmica

External Talks

- Clustering on Clusters: Massively Parallel Algorithms for Clustering Graphs and Vectors
 Facebook, Menlo Park, CA. Tech Talk. February 2017.
- Linear Sketching over $\mathbb{G}F_2$
 - Columbia University, New York, NY. Theory Seminar. November 2016.
 - University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Theory Seminar. October 2016.
 - University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. Theory Seminar, September 2016.
 - University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. Theory Seminar, August 2016.
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA. Theory Seminar, June 2016.
- What's New in "The Big Data Theory"?

- College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA. Departmental Colloquium, February 2016.
- Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Departmental Colloquium, February 2016.
- Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Departmental Colloquium, February 2016.
- University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Departmental Colloquium, February 2016.
- Boston University, Boston, MA. Departmental Colloquium, February 2016.
- Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. Departmental Colloquium, March 2016.
- Fast Fourier Sparsity Testing over the Boolean Hypercube
 - University of Wisconsin, Madison. Theory Seminar. August 2015.
- Near Optimal LP Rounding for Correlation Clustering
 - Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Theory Seminar. May 2015.
 - MIT, Boston, MA. Algorithms and Complexity Seminar. April 2015.
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA. Theory Seminar. March 2015.
 - Google Research, NYC. Google Tech Talk. February 2015.
 - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Theory Seminar. January 2015.
 - Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. Theory Lunch. January 2015.
 - Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. CSE Departmental Colloquium. January 2015.
- Beyond Set Disjointness: The Communication Complexity of Finding the Intersection
 - MIT, Boston, MA. Theory of Distributed Systems Seminar. May 2014.
- "The Big Data Theory" and Randomized Algorithms
 - Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA. ARC Colloquium. March 2014.
- Approximating Graph Problems: The Old and The New
 - Yahoo! Research, NYC. February 2014.
 - MIT, Boston, MA. Algorithms and Complexity Seminar. February 2014.
 - Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago IL. Theory Seminar. February 2014.
- L_p -Testing
 - University of Pennsylvania, Statistics Student Seminar, November 2014.
 - Columbia University, New York, NY. Theory Seminar. October 2014.
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond. Theory Lunch. January 2014.
 - Harvard University, Boston MA. Theory Seminar. November 2013.
 - Brown University, Providence RI. Theory Seminar. November 2013.
 - IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA. October 2013.
- Property Testing and Communication Complexity
 - MIT, Boston, MA. Algorithms and Complexity Seminar. September 2013.
- Beating the Direct Sum in Communication Complexity with Implications for Sketching.
 - Aarhus University, Denmark. Theory Seminar. May 2013.
 - MIT, Boston, MA. Algorithms and Complexity Seminar. December 2012.
 - Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. Theory lunch. November 2012.
- Parallel Algorithms for Geometric Problems
 - ISMP'15 (22nd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming). July 2015.
 - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. Theory Seminar. November 2014.
 - University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Capital Area Theory Seminar. October 2014.
 - University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Theory Seminar. August 2014.
 - University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Theory Seminar. May 2014.
 - Google Research, NYC. Google Tech Talk. March 2014.
 - Sandia Labs, Livermore, CA. March 2014.
 - Stanford University, Stanford, CA. Theory Seminar. March 2014.
 - Microsoft Research SVC, Mountain View, CA. Lab Meeting. October 2012.
- Learning and Testing Submodular Functions.
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond. Theory Seminar. June 2013.
 - University of Melbourne, Theory Seminar, April 2013.

- UCLA, Los Angeles, LA. Theory Seminar. February 2013.
- Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. Theory Seminar. December 2012.
- Harvard University, Boston, MA. Theory Seminar. December 2012.
- Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. Theory Lunch, December 2012.
- Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. Operations Research Seminar. December 2012.
- IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY. Integer Programming Seminar. November 2012.
- Columbia University, New York, NY. Theory Seminar. October 2012.
- Microsoft Research SVC, Mountain View, CA. Theory Seminar. October 2012.
- IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA. Theory Seminar. May 2012.
- Advances in Directed Spanners.
 - University of Sydney, Theory Seminar, April 2013.
 - Carnegie-Mellon University, Theory Lunch, November 2011.
 - University of Maryland, Capital Area Theory Seminar, November 2011.
- Private Analysis of Graph Structure
 - AT&T Labs Research, Florham Park, NJ. August 2011.
- Improved Approximation for the Directed Spanner Problem
 - AT&T Labs Research, Florham Park, NJ. Mathematics Research Colloquium and Informal Seminar. June 2011.
 - Moscow State University. Combinatorial Optimization Seminar. May 2011.
 - IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY. Integer Programming Seminar. April 2011.
 - St. Petersburg Institute of Fine Mechanics and Optics. Theory Seminar. December 2010.
- Linear bounds on circuit complexity and feebly one-way permutations
 - Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. Theory Seminar. April 2010.

Media Coverage

For paper "Private Algorithms for the Protected in Social Network Search":

- PBS Newshour "The secret things you give away through your phone metadata"
- Schneier on Secuity "Research on Balancing Privacy with Surveillance."
- Association of American Universities "Penn Researchers Balance Privacy and Security in Network Analysis."
- ACM Tech News / The Daily Pennsylvanian: "Penn Professor's Computer Algorithm Could Fight Terrorism While Protecting Privacy."
- Quartz: "There may be a way to allow mass surveillance and preserve our privacy at the same time."
- Pacific Standard: "Searching Private Data, and Ensuring It Stays Private."
- Wired (German): "Ein neuer berwachungs-Algorithmus soll in Social Media nur auf Terroristen zielen."
- Vice Motherboard: "Algorithms Claim to Hunt Terrorists While Protecting the Privacy of Others."
- The Naked Scientists Podcast: "National Security Algorithm."

VISITS AND CONSULTING

- Google Research, NYC. (Weekly visitor in Fall'14– Spring'15). (Host: Silvio Lattanzi)
- \bullet Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA. 03/08/15–03/14/15, 01/08/14–01/12/14. (Host: Konstantin Makarychev)
- IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY. 04/19/11-04/21/11, 11/13/12-11/15/12. (Hosts: Konstantin Makarychev, Vishwanath Nagarajan)
- AT&T Labs Research, Florham Park, NJ. 11/18/11–11/25/11. (Host: Howard Karloff)
- Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. 12/27/12-01/04/13. (Host: Robert Krauthgamer)

- University of Melbourne, Australia. 04/12/13-04/20/13. (Host: Anthony Wirth)
- Aarhus University, Denmark. 05/17/13-05/25/13. (Host: Joshua Brody)

STUDENTS MENTORED

At Indiana University:

• Adithya Vadapalli (Ph.D.), 2016–.

Ph.D. students mentored while a postdoc:

- Sepehr Assadi (Univeristy of Pennsylvania), joint paper in SODA'16.
- Yang Li (University of Pennsylvania), joint paper in SODA'16.
- Steven Wu (University of Pennsylvania), joint paper in PNAS'16.
- Tselil Schramm (UC Berkeley), joint paper in STOC'15.
- Eli Fox-Eppstein (Brown University).
- David Meierfrankenfeld (Brown University).

Patents

• "A Communication and Message-Efficient Protocol for Computing the Intersection Between Different Sets of Data", with David P. Woodruff. U.S. patent #9438704. IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA.

MEMBERSHIPS ACM SIGACT, ACM SIAM, IEEE

TECH SKILLS C/C++, STL, Java, Windows/Linux, LATEX, CPlex/Gurobi/AMPL, MapReduce/Hadoop.