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Department of Computer Science
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Interests

Design, Analysis and Applications of Algorithms, Machine Learning

Education

University of Maryland, College Park **September 2014 - Present**

PhD. in Computer Science
Advisor: Dr. Aravind Srinivasan

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras **August 2010 - July 2014**

B.Tech Honours in Computer Science and Engineering
GPA: 9.01/10
Minor: Operations Research
Thesis: Maximum Flow Problem in Undirected Graphs
Advisor: Dr. N.S. Narayanaswamy

Publications

- Brian Brubach, **Karthik A Sankararaman**, Aravind Srinivasan, Pan Xu "New Algorithms, Better Bounds, and a Novel Model for Online Stochastic Matching", *Proceedings of the 24th Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA), 2016*
- Yi-Chin Wu, **Karthik Abinav Sankararaman**, Stèphane Lafortune "Ensuring Privacy in Location-Based Services: An Approach Based on Opacity Enforcement", *Proc. of the 14th International Workshop of Discrete Event Systems, pages 33-38, 2014*

Manuscripts

- **Karthik Abinav**, Saikrishna Badrinarayanan, C. Pandu Rangan, S. Sharmila Deva Selvi, S. Sree Vivek, Vivek Krishna Pradhan "A Revocable Online-Offline Certificateless Signature Scheme without Pairing", *Cryptology ePrint Archive, Report 2013/758, 2013*

Honors

- **Dean's Fellowship**: University of Maryland, 2014, 2015
- Recipient of the *S.N. Bose Scholarship* 2013 given to **top 50** Indian students.
- Awardee of the *National Talent Search Examination(NTSE)* Scholarship.
- 14th and 16th position in ICPC Mid-Atlantic regionals 2014 and ICPC Asia-Amritapuri regionals 2013 respectively.

Research Experience

Stochastic Optimization, Randomized Algorithm Design **August 2014 - Present**

University of Maryland, College Park
Joint work with Brian Brubach, Pan Xu, Aravind Srinivasan
Working on multiple problems in Stochastic Matching and other Stochastic Optimization Problems

Algorithms for Maximum Flow, Graph Sparsification and related problems **Aug 2013 - Aug 2014**

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
Area of Work: Graph Theory, Convex Optimization
Joint work with Narayanaswamy N.S.

Privacy in Location Based Services **May - July 2013**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Area of Work: Cyber Security
Joint work with Yi-Chin Wu, Stèphane Lafortune

Revocable Online-Offline Signature Scheme without Bilinear Pairing **January - April 2013**
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
Area of Work: Cryptography
Joint work with Saikrishna Badrinarayanan, C. Pandu Rangan, Sharmila Devi, Sree Vivek

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland
CMSC250 - Discrete Structures, CMSC131- Intro to Programming
Responsibilities: Conducting Discussion Sessions, Office Hours, Grading Homeworks and Exams

Teaching Assistant, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
Paradigms of Programming
Responsibilities: Grading Programming Assignments

Professional Experience

IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA **Summer 2016**
Mentor: Prithviraj Sen

Adobe Inc., San Jose, CA **Summer 2015**
Algorithms Team headed by Anil Kamath

Class Projects

Lower Bounds for Fault Tolerant Facility Placement Problem **Fall 2014**
Class: Algorithmic Lower Bounds
Joint work with Thomas Pensyl, Bartosz Rybicki, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi(Instructor)

Relation between recursive teaching dimension and VC dimension **Fall 2015**
Class: Machine Learning
Joint work with Sina Dehghani, Neal Gupta, Aravind Srinivasan(Instructor)

Community detection in Public-Private Graph models **Fall 2015**
Class: Network Design
Joint work with Brian Brubach, Soheil Ehsani, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi(Instructor)

Service

External Reviewer: Transactions on Algorithms(TALG)
Graduate Admissions Comittee: Department of Computer Science, UMD, 2016

Graduate Coursework

University of Maryland, College Park: Algorithmic Lower Bounds, Logic and Artificial Intelligence, Randomized Algorithms, Statistical Learning for Biology, Machine Learning, Network Design Algorithms, Convex Optimization, Computational Journalism

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras: Complexity Theory, Approximation Algorithms, Algorithmic Algebra, Cryptography, Natural Language Processing, Convex Optimization, Theory Toolkit, Communication Complexity