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Interests

Design, analysis and applications of algorithms, Machine Learning, Optimization, Probability

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

Started September 2014

PhD. in Computer Science

Advisor: Dr. Aravind Srinivasan

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

July 2014

B. Tech Honours in Computer Science and Engineering

Minor: Operations Research

Thesis: Maximum Flow Problem in Undirected Graphs

Advisor: Dr. N.S. Narayanaswamy

Publications

• 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

- Brian Brubach, **Karthik A Sankararaman**, Aravind Srinivasan, Pan Xu "New Algorithms, Better Bounds, and a Novel Model for Online Stochastic Matching", *Under Submission*
- 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 Scholarship. Awarded to the **top 150** candidates of India.
- 14th and 16th position in ICPC Mid-Atlantic regionals 2014 and ICPC Asia-Amritapuri regionals 2013 respectively.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stochastic Optimization, Algorithm Design

August 2014 - Present

University of Maryland, College Park

Joint work with Brian Brubach, Pan Xu, Aravind Srinivasan

Working on multiple problems such as Matching in Ad-allocation, improving certain concentration bounds, optimization in the context of harnessing solar power, randomized models for team performance

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

January - April 2013 Bilinear Pairing

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

Adobe Inc., San Jose, CA

May-August 2015

Data Scientist Intern with Algorithms Team in Digital Marketing

Responsibilities: Designed and implemented algorithms for Entity Resolution problem which helped multiple Adobe teams obtain cleaner source of data and reducing human efforts.

HyperVerge Technologies, Chennai

May-July 2014

Area of Work: Computer Vision, IOS application, PhoneGap

Responsibilities: Developed a mobile application for a pre-startup to help get initial investors and technical mentors onboard

Teritree Technology Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru

May-July 2012

Area of Work: Natural Language Processing, Databases

Responsibilities: Designed and implemented a recommendation system for an early stage VC-funded startup

CLASS PROJECTS Lower Bounds for Fault Tolerant Facility Placement

Problem

Sept 2014 -Dec 2014

Class: Algorithmic Lower Bounds

Joint work with Thomas Pensyl, Bartosz Rybicki, Mohammad Taqhi Hajiaqhayi(Instructor)

Relation between recursive teaching dimension and VC dimension

Ongoing

Class: Machine Learning

Joint work with Sina Dehghani, Neal Gupta, Aravind Srinivasan(Instructor)

Community detection in Public-Private Graph models

Ongoing

Class: Network Design

Joint work with Brian Brubach, Soheil Ehsani, Mohammad Taqhi Hajiaqhayi(Instructor)

GRADUATE Coursework University of Maryland, College Park

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

Algorithmic Lower Bounds, Logic and Artificial Intelligence, Randomized Algorithms, Statistical Learning for Biology, Machine Learning, Network Design Algorithms, Convex Optimization

Complexity Theory, Approximation Algorithms, Algorithmic Algebra, Cryptography, Natural Lan-

guage Processing, Convex Optimization, Theory Toolkit, Communication Complexity

Miscellaneous

ACTIVITIES

Ball Following Bot

May-June 2011

Area of Work: Computer Vision, Microprocessor programming Center for Innovation, IIT Madras

August-September 2011

Area of Work: Computer Vision

Prototype of a 3D Mouse

Finalist Industrial Defined Problems Challenge, General Electric

Tools **Programming Languages**

C/C++, Java, Python, R, Lisp, Prolog, LATEX, x86-Assembly