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## RESEARCH INTEREST

My research interest lies in cryptography and relevant theoretical problems, especially in graph-theoretical aspects. In particular, I am drawn to analyzing the classical and post-quantum security of data-independent Memory-Hard Functions (iMHFs) and Proofs of Sequential Work. My recent work includes achieving better security bounds of Proofs of Sequential Work in the parallel quantum random oracle model and developing parallel reversible pebbling strategies to analyze the post-quantum security of iMHFs.

## EDUCATION

- 2017 - present **Ph.D. Student, Purdue University**  
Department of Computer Science  
Advisor : Jeremiah Blocki
- 2013 **Ph.D. Student, Seoul National University**  
Department of Mathematical Sciences  
Left due to the mandatory military service
- 2010 - 2012 **M.Sc., Seoul National University**  
Department of Mathematical Sciences  
Thesis : *Reinitializing Techniques in Level Set Method*  
Advisor : Myungjoo Kang
- 2005 - 2009 **B.Sc., POSTECH (Pohang University of Science and Technology)**  
Department of Mathematics  
Graduated magna cum laude, Recipient of the Presidential Science Scholarship

## PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

### Publications

- Blocki, J., Holman, B., **Lee, S.** The Parallel Reversible Pebbling Game : Analyzing the Post-Quantum Security of iMHFs. **TCC 2022.**
- Blocki, J., **Lee, S.** On the Multi-User Security of Short Schnorr Signatures with Preprocessing. **EUROCRYPT 2022.**
- Blocki, J., Cinkoske, M., **Lee, S.**, Son, J. On Explicit Constructions of Extremely Depth Robust Graphs. **STACS 2022.**
- Blocki, J., **Lee, S.**, Zhou, Samson. On the Security of Proofs of Sequential Work in a Post-Quantum World. **ITC 2021.**
- Blocki, J., **Lee, S.**, Zhou, S. (2019) Approximating Cumulative Pebbling Cost is Unique Games Hard. **ITCS 2020.**
- Blocki, J., Harsha, B., Kang, S., **Lee, S.**, Xing, L., Zhou, S. (2019) Data-Independent Memory Hard Functions : New Attacks and Stronger Constructions. **CRYPTO 2019.**

### Manuscript

- Lee, S.** A Short Note on Improved Logic Circuits in a Hexagonal Minesweeper.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

December 2016	<b>Senior Researcher (mandatory military service), SECURITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, Republic of Korea</b>
December 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Worked as Research Assistant to improve an algorithm about distinguishing technical data in relation to the National Defense Standard (NDS.)</li><li>Participated 17 research projects on national defense policies.</li><li>Used data analysis to assess TRL impact on development schedule and cost in the aerospace project.</li><li>Research Assistant for defense industry projects, including proposal and award policies and procedures guide in national defense.</li></ul> <div><div>National Defense Standard</div><div>Data Analysis</div><div>Defense Policies</div><div>Mandatory Military Service</div></div>

July 2013	Research Assistant, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY & NEXTIN SOLUTIONS, Republic of Korea
March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Assisted a project which aimed to improve an yield-rate of OLEDs by detecting possible types of false defects such as short fail, open fail, and line fail, etc.</li> <li>&gt; Detected defects by analyzing the voltage of storage caps in the inner circuits of OLED panels.</li> <li>&gt; Used <math>\ell_1</math>-norm, Gaussian fitting, or finding Wavelet coefficient to accurately categorize the defections.</li> <li>&gt; Joint project by Seoul National University and Nextin Solutions.</li> </ul>
	Numerical Analysis   Finite Difference Method

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Purdue University

- > CS 51500 : Numerical Linear Algebra, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2018)
- > CS 25100 : Data Structures and Algorithms, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

### Seoul National University

- > Research and Education Program (Sejong Science High School), Research Assistant (Spring 2013, Fall 2013)
- > 300.204 : Differential Equations, Teaching Assistant (Spring 2013, Fall 2013)
- > 033.002 : Calculus 2, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2010, Fall 2013)
- > 033.001 : Calculus 1, Teaching Assistant (Spring 2013)
- > 033.004 : Honor Calculus and Practice 2, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2012)
- > 046.001 : Mathematics in Civilization, Teaching Assistant, *Outstanding TA Award* (Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

## TALKS

### Talks

March 2022	On Explicit Constructions of Extremely Depth Robust Graphs	STACS 2022
July 2021	On the Security of Proofs of Sequential Work in a Post-Quantum World	ITC 2021
January 2020	Approximating Cumulative Pebbling Cost is Unique Games Hard	ITCS 2020
November 2019	Approximating Cumulative Pebbling Cost is Unique Games Hard	Purdue Crypto Reading Group
October 2019	On the Multi-User Security of Short Schnorr Signatures	Purdue Weekly Lab Meeting
June 2019	Approximating Cumulative Pebbling Cost is Unique Games Hard	Purdue Weekly Lab Meeting

### Posters

March 2022	On the Multi-User Security of Short Schnorr Signatures with Preprocessing	CERIAS Symposium 2022
January 2020	Approximating Cumulative Pebbling Cost is Unique Games Hard	ITCS 2020
April 2019	On the Security of Short Schnorr Signatures	Midwest Security Workshop 7
April 2019	On the Security of Short Schnorr Signatures	CERIAS Symposium 2019

## GRANTS & AWARDS

### Academic Grants & Awards

2019 - present	Graduate Research Assistantship	Purdue University
2017 - 2018	Graduate Teaching Assistantship	Purdue University
2012	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Mathematics in Civilization	Seoul National University
2010 - 2013	Brain Korea 21 Scholarship	National Research Foundation of Korea
2005 - 2009	Presidential Science Scholarship	Korea Student Aid Foundation

### (Selected) Mathematical Olympiad Awards in High School

2004	Bronze Medal, 17th Korean Mathematical Olympiad 2nd Round	Korean Mathematical Society
2003	Gold Medal, 15th Mathematical Olympiad, Gangwon-Do	Korean Mathematical Society
2003	Gold Medal, Mathematical Olympiad	Inha University
2003	Gold Medal, Mathematical Olympiad	Korea University
2003	Gold Medal, Mathematical Olympiad	Sungkyunkwan University
2003	Bronze Medal, Mathematical Olympiad	Chungnam University
2003	Bronze Medal, 17th Korean Mathematical Olympiad	Korean Mathematical Society

### Extracurricular Awards

2013	<b>Silver Medal</b> , Dormitory Table Tennis Competition - Men's Double	Seoul National University
2013	<b>Silver Medal</b> , Table Tennis Competition (Dept. of Math) - Men's Single	Seoul National University
2009	<b>Gold Prize</b> , Video Contents Contest in Educational Development Center	POSTECH

### LANGUAGES

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Korean ● ● ● ● ●  
English ● ● ● ● ○

### TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

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- > C/C++, JAVA, Python
- > Julia, MATLAB
- >  $\text{\LaTeX}$

### REFERENCES

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#### Jeremiah Blocki

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#### Myungjoo Kang

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