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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Computer Science, Rutgers University, 2017

Dissertation: Algorithmic Information, Fractal Geometry, and Distributed Dynamics

Advisor: Rebecca N. Wright

M.S. in Mathematics, Rutgers University, 2016

Committee chair: Michael Saks

B.S. in Mathematics with General Honors, University of Chicago, 2008

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Algorithmic information theory, algorithmic game theory, fractal geometry, and dynamics

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania, supervised by Sampath Kannan, fall 2017–summer 2019

Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science (DIMACS), Rutgers University, supervised by Rebecca Wright, fall 2012–spring 2016

Visiting Research Fellow, School of Computer Science and Engineering, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, supervised by Michael Schapira, summer-fall 2015

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science, Rutgers University, supervised by Michael Saks, fall 2011 and summer 2012

NYC Turing Fellow, Flat World Knowledge, summer 2011

NASA Space Grant Fellow, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, summer 2008

Caltech Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, summers 2006 and 2007

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, Iowa State University

- Introduction to Data Structures (Java), spring 2020
- · Theory of Computing (undergraduate), fall 2019

Instructor, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania

- · Algorithms & Computation (graduate), spring 2019
- Introduction to Algorithms (undergraduate), fall 2017 and fall 2018
- Theory of Computation (graduate, co-taught with Sampath Kannan), spring 2018

Course Developer, Penn Engineering Online Learning, University of Pennsylvania, fall 2018

• Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (graduate, co-developed with Val Tannen)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science, Rutgers University

- Design and Analysis of Computer Algorithms (undergraduate), spring 2011 and spring 2017
- Discrete Structures II (probability theory), fall 2016
- Formal Languages and Automata, spring 2012
- Design and Analysis of Data Structures and Algorithms (graduate), fall 2010
- Introduction to Computer Science (Java), spring 2010
- · Computer Applications for Business, fall 2009

# PUBLICATIONS IN JOURNALS

"Bounding the Dimension of Points on a Line," Neil Lutz and D. M. Stull, *Information and Computation*, to appear.

"Algorithmic information, plane Kakeya sets, and conditional dimension," Jack H. Lutz and Neil Lutz, ACM Transactions on Computation Theory (TOCT) 10(2), 2018.

"Dynamics at the Boundary of Game Theory and Distributed Computing," Aaron D. Jaggard, Neil Lutz, Michael Schapira, and Rebecca N. Wright, ACM Transactions on Economics and Computation (TEAC) 5(3), 2017.

"Lines missing every random point," Jack H. Lutz and Neil Lutz, Computability 4(2), 2015.

#### PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

"Service in Your Neighborhood: Fairness in Center Location" Christopher Jung, Sampath Kannan, and Neil Lutz, Proceedings of the First Symposium on Foundations of Responsible Computing (FORC 2020), to appear.

"Quantifying the Burden of Exploration and the Unfairness of Free Riding," Christopher Jung, Sampath Kannan, and Neil Lutz, *Proceedings of the Thirty-First Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2020).* 

"Robustness and Games Against Nature in Molecular Programming," Jack H. Lutz, Robyn R. Lutz, Neil Lutz, and Matthew Riley, Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Software Engineering: New Ideas and Emerging Results (ICSE-NIER 2019).

"Projection Theorems Using Effective Dimension," Neil Lutz and D. M. Stull, *Proceedings of the 43rd International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2018).* 

"Fractal Intersections and Products via Algorithmic Dimension," Neil Lutz, *Proceedings of the 42nd International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2017).* 

"Brief Announcement: Stateless Computation," Danny Dolev, Michael Erdmann, Neil Lutz, Michael Schapira, and Adva Zair, *Proceedings of the 36th ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC 2017)*.

"Dimension Spectra of Lines," Neil Lutz and D. M. Stull, Unveiling Dynamics and Complexity: Proceedings of the 13th Conference on Computability in Europe (CiE 2017).

"Bounding the Dimension of Points on a Line," Neil Lutz and D. M. Stull, *Proceedings of the 14th Annual Conference on Theory and Applications of Models of Computation (TAMC 2017).* 

"Algorithmic information, plane Kakeya sets, and conditional dimension," Jack H. Lutz and Neil Lutz, Proceedings of the 34th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS 2017).

"Self-stabilizing uncoupled dynamics," Aaron D. Jaggard, Neil Lutz, Michael Schapira, and Rebecca N. Wright, *Proceedings of the 7th International Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory (SAGT 2014)*.

"Lines missing every random point," Jack H. Lutz and Neil Lutz, Language, Life, Limits: Proceedings of the 10th Conference on Computability in Europe (CiE 2014).

# **EXPOSITORY WRITING AND PREPRINTS**

"Who Asked *Us?* How the Theory of Computing Answers Questions about Analysis," Jack H. Lutz and Neil Lutz, *Complexity and Approximation*, Ding-Zhu Du and Jiw Wang (eds.), Springer, 2020.

"Open Problems Column: Some open problems in algorithmic fractal geometry," Neil Lutz, edited by William Gasarch, SIGACT News 48(4), 2017.

"The Dimensions of Hyperspaces," Jack H. Lutz, Neil Lutz, and Elvira Mayordomo, arXiv:2004.07798.

"A Note on Pointwise Dimensions," Neil Lutz, arXiv:1612.05849.

"Stateless Computation," Danny Dolev, Michael Erdmann, Neil Lutz, Michael Schapira, and Adva Zair, arXiv:1611.10068.

# **INVITED TALKS AT CONFERENCES**

Sixteenth International Conference on Computability, Complexity and Randomness (CCR), Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, University of Cambridge, June 2020 (postponed)

Southeastern Logic Symposium (SEALS), University of Florida, February 2020

"Algorithmic Dimensions of Projected Points," *AMS-ASL Special Session on Algorithmic Dimensions and Fractal Geometry*, Joint Mathematics Meetings, Baltimore, MD, January 2019

"Algorithmic Dimensions of Projected Points," Fourteenth International Conference on Computability, Complexity and Randomness (CCR), Santiago, Chile, December 2018

"Effective Dimensions of Projected Points," *Fifteenth International Conference on Computability and Complexity in Analysis (CCA)*, Lake Kochel, Germany, August 2018

# SELECTED TALKS AT WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND COLLOQUIA

"Fractal Slices, Projections, and Products via Algorithmic Dimension," *Midwest Computability Seminar*, University of Chicago, February 2020

"Algorithmic Dimensions of Projected Points," *Iowa Colloquium on Information, Complexity, and Logic (ICICL)*, Grinnell College, October 2019

"Free-riding with Bandits: Shirking the Burden of Exploration," Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, University of California, Berkeley, July 2018

"Fractal Intersections and Products via Algorithmic Dimension," Continuity, Computability, Constructivity

— From Logic to Algorithms (CCC), Nancy, France, June 2017

"Algorithmic Fractal Geometry," University of Pennsylvania, May 2017

"Stateless Computation," U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, May 2017

"Fractal Geometry via Algorithmic Information" (short talk), New York Area Theory Day, New York University, December 2016

"Algorithmic Information, Plane Kakeya Sets, and Conditional Dimension," *DIMACS Theory of Computing Seminar*, Rutgers University, March 2016

# PARTICIPATION IN INVITATION-ONLY PROGRAMS

Computability Theory, Oberwolfach Mathematical Research Institute, Oberwolfach, Germany, April–May 2021

Algorithmic Randomness, American Institute of Mathematics, San Jose, CA, August 2020

Descriptive Set Theory and Computable Topology, Schloss Dagstuhl, Wadern, Germany, April 2020 (post-poned)

Summer Cluster: Fairness, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, University of California, Berkeley, May–July 2019

*Summer Cluster: Algorithmic Fairness*, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, University of California, Berkeley, July 2018

*Nexus of Computation and Information Theories*, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Marseille, France, and Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris, France, January–February 2016

# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of scientific program committee, *Sixteenth International Conference on Computability and Complexity in Analysis (CCA 2019)* 

### Reviewer

- Information and Computation
- Theoretical Computer Science
- ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing (STOC)

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Best Student Paper at the 42nd International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS), Aalborg, Denmark, August 2017

Travel support from the French National Center for Scientific Research to attend the *Nexus of Computation and Information Theories* program in Marseille and Paris, France, January–February 2016

Association for Symbolic Logic travel grant to attend the 10th Conference on Computability in Europe (CiE), Budapest, Hungary, June 2014