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Pranshu Gaba

Curriculum Vitae

Research Interests

General formal methods, game theory, logic, computer science, discrete mathematics

Specific reactive synthesis, finitary objectives, stochastic games, Markov decision processes

Education

Sep 2020 - ongoing **PhD in Theoretical Computer Science**
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India
Advisor: Dr. Shibashis Guha
GPA: 7.9/10
Relevant courses: Logic, Automata, and Games; Automata, Verification, and Infinite Games; Descriptive Complexity; Computational Complexity; Algebra and Computation; Algebraic Automata Theory.

Aug 2016 - July 2020 **Bachelor of Science (Research) with Mathematics major**
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
GPA: 7.9/10
Relevant courses: Automata Theory and Computability; Introduction to Scalable Systems; Game Theory; Graph Theory; Combinatorics; Topology; Measure Theory.

Conference Proceedings

[c3] Pranshu Gaba and Shibashis Guha, "Optimising Expectation with Guarantees for Window Mean Payoff in Markov Decision Processes" in *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems*, May 2025, (to appear).

[c2] Pranshu Gaba and Arnab Sur, "Recognising numbers" in *Indian Conference on Logic and its Applications*, February 2025, (to appear).

[c1] Laurent Doyen, Pranshu Gaba, and Shibashis Guha, "Stochastic Window Mean-Payoff Games" in *Foundations of Software Science and Computation Structures*, April 2024, pp. 34-54. doi: 10.1007/978-3-031-57228-9.

Journal Publications

[j1] Laurent Doyen, Pranshu Gaba, and Shibashis Guha, "Stochastic Window Mean-Payoff Games" in *Logical Methods in Computer Science*, June 2025, (to appear).

Preprints

[p1] Laurent Doyen, Pranshu Gaba, and Shibashis Guha, "Expectation in Stochastic Games with Prefix-Independent Objectives", October 12, 2024. [Online]. Available: https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.18048

Talks

2025
- Stochastic Window Mean-payoff Games at ACM ARCS 2025 (lightning talk)
- Recognizing numbers at ICLA 2025
- Student seminar talks at TIFR:
  - The Canadian Traveller Problem (February 2025)

2024
- Expectation in Stochastic Games with Prefix-Independent Objectives at Workshop on Automata and Games for Synthesis, FSTTCS 2024
- Recognizing numbers at TCS Research Expo 2024
- Recognizing numbers at STCS Student Symposium 2024
- Stochastic Window Mean-payoff Games at ENS Paris-Saclay 2024
- Stochastic Window Mean-payoff Games at FoSSaCS 2024
- Student seminar talks at TIFR:
  - Sperner's lemma and the equidissection of regular polygons (July 2024)
  - The connection between circuit complexity and first-order logic (May 2024)
  - The complexity of solving simple stochastic games (February 2024)

2023
- Stochastic Window Mean-payoff Games at STCS Student Symposium 2023
- Stochastic Window Mean-payoff Games at Formal Methods Update meeting 2023
- Student seminar talks at TIFR:
  - Courcelle's theorem (September 2023)

2022
- Student seminar talks at TIFR:
  - Total-payoff games on graphs with windows (October 2022)
  - Determinacy of Two-Player Games with Perfect Information (March 2022)

2021
- Student seminar talks at TIFR:
  - Vertex connectivity of Eulerian orientations (July 2021)

Professional service

Reviewing LICS 2024, STACS 2025, CAV 2025, EC 2025, ATVA 2025

Volunteering FLoC 2022, FoSSaCS 2024

Teaching experience

2025
- Teaching assistant for the course Automata and Computability

Awards

2025
- Best student paper award at ICLA for "Recognizing Numbers" with Arnab Sur

Outreach

2025
- Chai and Why: Sperner's lemma and fair division

2024
- Vigyan Vidushi 2024: Sperner's lemma and fair division
- Chai and Why: Voting

2023
- Chai and Why: Hamming codes

2022
- Chai and Why: Graph theory

2020
- Open day at IISc: Impartial games

Conferences attended

2025
- ACM ARCS 2025 in PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore
- ICLA 2025 in ISI Kolkata, India

2024
- FSTTCS 2024 in IIT Gandhinagar, India
- Winter School on Verification 2024 in IIT Delhi, India
- SAT 2024 in TCS Pune, India
- ISLA 2024 in IIT Goa, India
- ETAPS 2024 in Luxembourg

2023
- FSTTCS 2023 in IIIT Hyderabad, India
- Formal Methods Update meeting 2023 in IIT Goa, India

2022
- FSTTCS 2022 in IIT Madras, Chennai, India
- FLoC 2022 in Technion, Haifa, Israel

Experience

May 2019 - Jul 2019 **Summer Intern at CiSTUP**
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
Worked with Prof. Tarun Rambha
- Learnt about optimization techniques such as branch and bound, and cutting planes.
- Wrote C++ programs to find solutions for cost allocations for the traveling salesman problem and the vehicle routing problem

May 2018 - Jun 2018 **Visiting Research Student**
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, India
Worked with Prof. Amitava Bhattacharya
- Studied properties relating to the Game of Cops and Robbers on Graphs, such as bounds on the cop number of a graph
- Explored concepts in combinatorics such as counting walks on graphs, Sperner's theorem, and matrix-tree theorem

Apr 2016 - Jul 2021 **Content Intern**
Brilliant.org, Remote
- Created challenging and thought-provoking math and science problems
- Interacted and engaged in discussions with the Brilliant community consisting of math and science enthusiasts

Technical skills

programming	Java, Python, C++, Haskell
typesetting	LaTeX, Typst
web dev	HTML, CSS, Hugo, JavaScript
game dev	Godot

Languages

Native	English, Hindi, Sindhi
Intermediate	Gujarari
Elementary	French