# Rahul Kidambi

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## Research Interests

Applications and Algorithms for Machine Learning, Deep Learning and Optimization.

## Selected Papers

(*) represents alphabetical ordering of authors (as in CS Theory papers).

↬ (*) Rong Ge, Sham M. Kakade, *Rahul Kidambi*, Praneeth Netrapalli, "The Step Decay Schedule: A Near-Optimal Geometrically Decaying Learning Rate Procedure For Least Squares", To Appear, in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2019.

↬ *Rahul Kidambi*, Praneeth Netrapalli, Prateek Jain, Sham M. Kakade, "On the Insufficiency of existing momentum schemes for Stochastic Optimization", in International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**) 2018. Oral Presentation (23/1002 ≈ 2% Acceptance Rate).

↬ (*) Prateek Jain, Sham M. Kakade, *Rahul Kidambi*, Praneeth Netrapalli , Aaron Sidford, "Accelerating Stochastic Gradient Descent for Least Squares Regression", in Conference on Learning Theory (**COLT**), 2018.

↬ (*) Prateek Jain, Sham M. Kakade, *Rahul Kidambi*, Praneeth Netrapalli, Aaron Sidford, "Parallelizing Stochastic Gradient Descent for Least Squares Regression: mini-batching, averaging, and model misspecification", in Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), 2018.

↬ Jennifer Gillenwater, Rishabh Iyer, Bethany Lusch, *Rahul Kidambi*, Jeff Bilmes, "Submodular Hamming Metrics", in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2015. Spotlight presentation.

↬ *Rahul Kidambi*, Min-Chi Shih, Kenneth Rose, "Deformable Trellises over Factor Graphs for Robust Microtubule Tracking in Clutter", in International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (**ISBI**), 2012.

## Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy** - PhD, ECE, University of Washington, Seattle – 2019.
  *Adviser*: Prof. Sham M. Kakade (Associate Professor of Computer Science and Statistics).
  *Dissertation Title*: Stochastic Gradient Descent for Modern Machine Learning: Theory, Algorithms and Applications.
- **Master of Science** - M.S., ECE, University of California, Santa Barbara – 2012.
- **Bachelor of Technology** - B.Tech, ECE, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli – 2010.
  Smt. Neela Balasubramaniam endowed best outgoing student of the ECE department.

## Experience

– Research Intern, Microsoft Research India, Summer 2017.
Mentor: Dr. Praneeth Netrapalli, Dr. Prateek Jain.

– Research Assistant, Microsoft Research India, Spring 2013-Fall 2014.
Mentor: Dr. Sundararajan Sellamanickam.

## Service

Reviewer for conferences (ICML, NeurIPS, COLT, ICLR, ISIT, AISTATS) and journals (JMLR, Elec. Journal of Statistics, IEEE Trans. Info. Theory).