Sepehr Hajebi

Curriculum Vitæ (updated on November 29, 2023)

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Education

PhD in Mathematics (Combinatorics and Optimization)

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Fall 2020 – (expect to graduate in Spring 2024)

Thesis: Dichotomy theorems for treewidth and induced subgraphs

Advisor: Sophie Spirkl

BSc and MSc in Mathematics

Isfahan University of Technology, Isfahan, Iran

Fall 2012 – Spring 2019

Awards

7. Sinclair Graduate Scholarship, $1900+\varepsilon$ CAD

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, University of Waterloo (Fall 2023)

6. Outstanding TA Award

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, University of Waterloo (Winter 2022)

5. Visiting Korean Mathematical Society (KMS), Korea Institute for Advanced Studies (KIAS), and National Institute for Mathematical Sciences (NIMS)

Invited and funded by The Embassy of South Korea in Iran (Fall 2016)

4. Korean Mathematical Society Contest for University Students

Seoul, South Korea – Third Prize (Fall 2016)

3. International Mathematics Competition for University Students (IMC)

Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria – Third Prize (Spring 2015 and 2016)

2. Iranian Mathematical Society Competition for University Students

Second and Third Prize (Spring 2015 and 2016)

1. IUT Elite Student Award

Isfahan University of Technology (2016 and 2018)

Research Interests

Broadly: Discrete math, especially structural, extremal and algorithmic graph theory, and combinatorial optimization

Currently: Induced subgraphs, graph minor theory, and their interconnection.

Papers

All manuscripts available at http://arxiv.org/a/hajebi_s_1.

Published (9):

23. Hitting all maximum stable sets in P_5 -free graphs

J. Comb. Theory Ser. B 165 (2024) with Y. Li and S. Spirkl (2023)

22. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

VII. Basic obstructions in H-free graphs

J. Comb. Theory Ser. B 164 (2024)

with T. Abrishamin, B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl.

21. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

II. Toward walls and their line graphs in graphs of bounded degree

J. Comb. Theory Ser. B 164 (2024)

with T. Abrishami, M. Chudnovsky, C. Dibek, P. Rzążewski, S. Spirkl and K. Vušković.

20. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

V. One neighbor in a hole

J. Graph Theory (2023)

with T. Abrishami, B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky, S. Spirkl and K. Vušković.

19. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

IV. (Even hole, diamond, pyramid)-free graphs

Electron. J. Comb 30(2) (2023)

with T. Abrishami, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl.

18. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

III. Three-path-configurations and logarithmic treewidth Advances in Combinatorics (6) (2022)

with T. Abrishami, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl.

with 1. Horishami, W. Onddhovsky and G. Spirki.

17. Complexity dichotomy for List-5-Coloring with a forbidden induced subgraph

SIAM J. Discrete Math 256(6) (2022)

with Y. Li and S. Spirkl.

16. Minimal induced subgraphs of two classes of 2-connected non-Hamiltonian graphs

Discrete Math. 345(7) (2022)

with J. Cheriyan, Z. Qu and S. Spirkl.

15. Edge clique cover of claw-free graphs

J. Graph Theory 90(3) (2019)

with R. Javadi.

Accepted or in revision (2):

14. List-3-Coloring ordered graphs with a forbidden induced subgraph

SIAM J. Discrete Math (accepted)

with Y. Li and S. Spirkl (2023)

13. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

VIII. Excluding a forest in (theta, prism)-free graphs

Combinatorica (in revision)

with T. Abrishami, B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)

Submitted (10):

12. List-k-Coloring H-free graphs for all k > 4 with M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)

11. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions XIV. Non-adjacent neighbors in a hole

with M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)

- Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions
 XIII. Basic obstruction in H-free graphs for finite H
 with B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)
- 9. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions XII. Grid Theorem for pinched graphs with B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)
- 8. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions XI. Local strcture for even-hole-free graphs of large treewidth with B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)
- 7. Induced subdivisions with pinned branch vertices solo paper (2023)
- 6. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions X. Towards logarithmic treewidth for even-hole-free graphs with T. Abrishami, B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)
- Tree independence number for (even hole, diamond, pyramid)free graphs
 with T. Abrishami, B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky, S. Spirkl and K.
- Vušković (2023)
 4. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions
- IX. Grid theorem for perforated graphs with B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2023)
- Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions
 VI. Graphs with 2-cutsets
 with T. Abrishamin, B. Alecu, M. Chudnovsky and S. Spirkl (2022)

Upcoming (2):

- 2. Chordal graphs, even-hole-free graphs and sparse obstructions to bounded treewidth solo paper.
- Certification for H-free graphs and beyond. with Nicolas Bousquest, Aristotelis Chaniotis, Linda Cook, S. Spirkl, Pierron Théo and Sébastien Zeitoun.

Talks Upcoming:

7. **Treewidth, Erdős-Posá and induced subgraphs** [invited] New York Combinatorics Seminar (Feb 23, 2024)

Past:

- 6. Several Gyárfás-Sumner-type results for treewidth [invited] Graphs and Matroids Seminar, University of Waterloo, Canada (Nov 23, 2023)
- 5. Hitting all maximum stable sets in P_5 -free graphs [invited] Graphs and Matroids Seminar, University of Waterloo, Canada (Feb 6, 2023)
- 4. Forests in even-hole-free graphs of large treewidth [invited] Barbados Graph Theory Workshop, Bellairs Research Institute of McGill University, Barbados (Dec 12, 2022)

- 3. Holes, hubs, and bounded treewidth [invited] IBS Virtual Discrete Math Colloquium, Daejeon, South Korea (July 7, 2022)
- 2. Bounded treewidth in hereditary graph classes [invited] Graphs and Matroids Seminar, University of Waterloo, Canada (July 5, 2022)
- 1. Bounded treewidth in hereditary graph classes [invited] Seymour is 70, ENS de Lyon, France (June 22, 2022)

Mentoring Teaching Service

Undergraduate mentorship at University of Waterloo:

Directed Reading Program (DRP)

Women in Math (WiM) committee (Fall 2023) Project: Introduction to graph minor theory

Mentees: Xinyue Fan and Lyncy Li

Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (URA)

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization (Spring 2023)

Project: Maximum transitive set in H-free tournaments

Mentee: Yun Xing

TA at University of Waterloo:

- 22. CO456 Game theory, instructed by Martin Pei (Fall 2023)
- 21. **CO250 Introduction to optimization,** instructed by Jane Gao, David Jao and Walaa Morsi (Fall 2023)
- 20. CO342 Graph Theory, instructed by Peter Nelson (Spring 2023)
- 19. MATH138 Calculus II for honors of mathematics, various instructors (Winter 2023)
- 18. **CO250 Introduction to optimization,** instructed by Henry Wolkowicz, Jorn van der Pol, David Aleman Espinosa, Martin Pei (Winter 2023)
- 17. MATH600 Mathematical software, instructed by Sarah Chan (Fall 2022)
- 16. **CO456 Game theory,** instructed by David Jao (Fall 2022)
- 15. CO380 Mathematical discovery and invention, instructed by Logan Crew (Spring 2022)
- 14. MATH239 Introduction to combinatorics, instructed by Jane Gao, Debbie Leung and Kanstantsin Pashkovich (Winter 2022)
- 13. CO255 Advanced optimization, instructed by Bill Cook (Winter 2022)
- 12. CO250 Introduction to optimization, instructed by Levent Tuncel and Kanstantin Pashkovich (Fall 2021)
- 11. CO450/650 Graph theory (graduate), instructed by Luke Postle (Fall 2021)
- 10. **CO351 Network-flow theory**, instructed by Joseph Cheriyan (Spring 2021)

TA at Isfahan University of Technology:

9. Computational complexity (graduate), instructed by Ramin Javadi (2019).

- 8. Elements of matrics and linear algebra, instructed by Ramin Javadi (2018).
- 7. **Applied Linear algebra for engineering,** instructed by Ramin Javadi (2018).
- 6. Graph theory (graduate), instructed by Ramin Javadi (2017).
- 5. Elements of combinatorics, instructed by Ramin Javadi (2017)
- 4. Graph theory, instructed by Behnaz Omoomi (2016).
- 3. **Elements of combinatorics**, instructed by Gholamreza Omidi (2016).
- 2. Graph theory (graduate), instructed by Behnaz Omoomi (2014)
- 1. Elements of combinatorics, instructed by Ramin Javadi (2014)

Refereeing for journals and conference proceedings:

- International Mathematics Research Notices (IMRN)
- J. Comb. Theory Ser. B (JCTB)
- European Journal of Combinatorics
- J. Graph Theory (JGT)
- Electronic Journal of Combinatorics
- European Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Applications (EUROCOMB)
- Workshop on Graphs (WG)