# Sepehr Hajebi

Curriculum Vitæ (updated on November 8, 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:

23. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

VII. Basic obstructions in H-free graphs

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

with Tara Abrishamin, Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl.

#### 22. 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 Tara Abrishami, Maria Chudnovsky, Cemil Dibek, Paweł Rzążewski, Sophie Spirkl and Kristina Vušković.

#### 21. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

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

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

with Tara Abrishami, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl.

#### 20. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

# III. Three-path-configurations and logarithmic treewidth

Advances in Combinatorics (6) (2022)

with Tara Abrishami, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl.

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

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

with Yanjia Li and Sophie Spirkl.

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

Discrete Math. 345(7) (2022)

with Joseph Cheriyan, Zishen Qu and Sophie Spirkl.

# 17. Edge clique cover of claw-free graphs

J. Graph Theory 90(3) (2019)

with Ramin Javadi.

Accepted or in revision:

#### 16. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

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

Combinatorica (in revision)

with Tara Abrishami, Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

### 15. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

### V. One neighbor in a hole

J. Graph Theory (accepted)

with Tara Abrishami, Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky, Sophie Spirkl and Kristina Vušković (2022)

### 14. Hitting all maximum stable sets in $P_5$ -free graphs

 $J.\ Comb.\ Theory\ Ser.\ B\ (in\ revision)$ 

with Yanjia Li and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

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

SIAM J. Discrete Math (accepted)

with Yanjia Li and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

Submitted:

## 12. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

#### XII. Grid Theorem for pinched graphs

with Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

### 11. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

XI. Local strcture for even-hole-free graphs of large treewidth with Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

# 10. Induced subdivisions with pinned branch vertices solo paper (2023)

9. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions X. Towards logarithmic treewidth for even-hole-free graphs

with Tara Abrishami, Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

8. Tree independence number for (even hole, diamond, pyramid)-free graphs

with Tara Abrishami, Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky, Sophie Spirkl and Kristina Vušković (2023)

7. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions IX. Grid theorem for perforated graphs

with Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl (2023)

6. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions

VI. Graphs with 2-cutsets

with Tara Abrishamin, Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl (2022)

Upcoming:

5. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions XIII. Basic obstruction in  $\mathcal{H}$ -free graphs for finite  $\mathcal{H}$  with Bogdan Alecu, Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl.

4. Induced subgraphs and tree decompositions XIV. Non-adjacent neighbors in a hole with Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl.

3. Chordal graphs, even-hole-free graphs and sparse obstructions to bounded treewidth

solo paper.

2. List-k-Coloring H-free graphs for all k > 4 with Maria Chudnovsky and Sophie Spirkl.

1. Certification for *H*-free graphs and beyond. with Nicolas Bousquest, Aristotelis Chaniotis, Linda Cook, Sophie Spirkl,

Pierron Théo and Sébastien Zeitoun.

Talks Upcoming:

7. **Treewidth, Erdős-Posá and induced subgraphs** [invited] New York Combinatorics Seminar (Dec 8, 2023)

6. Several Gyárfás-Sumner-type results for treewidth [invited] Graphs and Matroids Seminar, University of Waterloo, Canada (Nov 23, 2023)

Past:

- 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)