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EDUCATION

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Carnegie Mellon University

Aug 2015 - Sep 2020

Ph.D. in Computer Science (ACO), Thesis: Coding for Synchronization Errors (Advisor: B. Haeupler) **M.Sc.** in Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization

Sharif University of Technology

2010-2015

B.Sc. in Computer Science, **1st in class**, Thesis: *Critical Graphs in Index Coding* (Advisor: A. Gohari) **B.Sc.** in Electrical Engineering (Digital Systems)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Post-Doctoral Fellow (Supervisor: Madhu Sudan)

Supported through NSF-funded CRA/CCC Computing Innovation Fellowship

Starting Nov 2020

Microsoft Research, Intern, DNA Data Storage Group (Supervisor: Sergey Yekhanin) Summer 2019

Project: Developing and implementing an enhanced trace reconstruction component for Microsoft's DNA data storage decoder by utilizing DNA sequencer's quality scores. We have applied for patent rights.

Carnegie Mellon University, Research Assistant (Supervisor: Mor Harchol-Balter)

Fall 2015

Project: Caching Algorithms for Variable Object Sizes **EPFL**, Intern, Theory Group (Supervisor: Ola Svensson)

Summer~2014

Project: Designing LP-based approximation algorithms for k-capacitated facility location problem

PUBLICATIONS (Details available on my Google Scholar page)

- Optimally Resilient Codes for List-Decoding from Insertions and Deletions¹

 Guruswami, Haeupler, and Shahrasbi, Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2020
- Near-Linear Time Insertion-Deletion Codes and $(1+\varepsilon)$ -Approximating Edit Distance via Indexing Haeupler, Rubinstein, and Shahrasbi, Symposium on Theory of Computing (**STOC**), 2019
- Synchronization Strings: Efficient and Fast Deterministic Constructions over Small Alphabets¹

 Cheng, Haeupler, Li, Shahrasbi, and Wu, Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), 2019
- Synchronization Strings: Explicit Constructions, Local Decoding, and Applications¹
 Haeupler and Shahrasbi, Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2018
- Synchronization Strings: List Decoding for Insertions and Deletions¹

 Haeupler, Shahrasbi, and Sudan, Colloq. on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP), 2018
- Synchronization Strings: Channel Simulations and Interactive Coding for Insertions and Deletions¹
 Haeupler, Shahrasbi, and Vitercik, Colloq. on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP), 2018
- Synchronization Strings: Codes for Insertions and Deletions Approaching the Singleton Bound¹
 Haeupler and Shahrasbi, Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2017

Invited to the Theory of Computation (ToC) journal

- Critical Graphs in Index Coding

Tahmasbi, Shahrasbi, and Gohari, IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), 2014 and IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications (J-SAC), 2015

- Synchronization Strings and Codes for Insertions and Deletions – a Survey 1

Haeupler and Shahrashi, Invited to IEEE Transactions on Information Theory (ITIT)

U.S. PATENTS

Trace Reconstruction of Polymer Sequences Using Quality Scores, filing by Microsoft Tech Licensing, 2019.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of NSF-funded CRA/CCC Computing Innovations Fellowship, 2020.
- Invited speaker at Highlights Session of Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching, 2020.
- Invited to publish an expository paper on synchronization strings in Special Issue of the IEEE Transactions on Information Theory Honoring V. I. Levenshtein, 2019.

¹Authors' names appear in alphabetical order.

- Invited to publish my paper on synchronization strings in the *Theory of Computing* journal, 2017.
- Invited speaker at Harvard Workshop on Coding and Information Theory, 2018.
- Gold medalist of 18th Iranian National Olympiad in Informatics (INOI), 2009.
- Ranked 1st among the 2015 computer science class, Sharif University of Technology, 2015.
- Outstanding Scientific and Cultural Efforts Award, Sharif University, 2011.
- Recipient of Iranian National Elites Foundation Grant, 2010-2014.

PEER REVIEW

- IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS), 2020.
- ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2019 and 2020.
- ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), 2019 and 2020.
- International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP), 2019.
- Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), 2019.
- European Symposia on Algorithms (ESA), 2019.
- SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics (SIDMA), 2019.
- IEEE Transactions on Information Theory (ITIT), 2017, 2018, and 2020.
- IEEE Transactions on Communications (ITC), 2019.
- IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), 2015 and 2018.

INVITED TALKS

- Coding for Synchronization Errors, Bar-Ilan University, 2020.
- Synchronization Strings, Information Theory and Applications Workshop, 2020.
- Synchronization Strings, Harvard Workshop on Coding and Information Theory, 2018.
- Synchronization Strings: Communication in the Presence of Insertions and Deletions, CMU, 2018.
- Synchronization Strings, Johns Hopkins University, 2017.
- Synchronization Strings, University of Maryland, 2017.
- Analysis of Caching under Variable Object Sizes, CMU, 2015.
- LP-Based Approximation Algorithms for k-Capacitated Facility Location Problem, EPFL, 2014.
- Critical Graphs in Index Coding, Sharif University of Technology, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

CMU Graduate Algorithms, Algorithms & Advanced Data Structures

Sharif Advanced Programming, Designing Algorithms (2x), Introduction to Cryptography (2x),

Introduction to Probability and Statistics, Logic Circuits and Digital Systems (2x)

Math/Programming Teacher

2009-2010

I served as a math/programming teacher in IOI training programs in several Iranian high schools and Iranian National Olympiad in Informatics (INOI) training camp.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming C++ (Proficient), Pyhton, MATLAB (Familiar), Java, JS, PHP (Older Course Projects)
Tools & OS Ubuntu (Moderate), Android SDK, Mathematica, OpenGL (Older Course Projects)

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

- Android Phone Tracking App [Android SDK, Java]
- Online Multi-player Checkers Game [Java, JSP, Apache Tomcat]
- Highly-Parallel Statistical Wildlife Simulation [Java, RMI]
- Design and Implementation of a GPS Car Tracking Device [AVR micro-controller, C++, Altium]
- Design and Implementation of a Maze Solver Robot [ARM Cortex-M3, Keil $\mu vision, C++$]
- Implementation of Reversi game on an Altera DE-2 Board [Altera DE-2. C++]
- Design and Implementation of a Room Mapping Robot [AVR micro-controller, C++, Altium]

- A Noise-Resilient Text Chat Device with Convolutional Codes [AVR micro-controller, C++, Altium]

REFERENCES

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