# Eklavya Sharma

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

August 2021 PhD, Department of Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering (ISE), - Present University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), IL, USA Doing research on fair division algorithms. Advised by Prof. Jugal Garg \( \mathref{L} \).

July 2019 – M.Tech. (Research), Computer Science and Automation (CSA), Indian July 2021 Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, GPA: 9.7 / 10.0 Did research on approximation algorithms for variants of bin packing and knapsack. Advised by Prof. Arindam Khan Z.

Aug 2014 - B.E. (Hons) Computer Science, Birla Institute of Technology and June 2018 Science (BITS), Pilani, India, GPA: 9.14 / 10.00

# Research Interests

Algorithms, Fair division, Graph theory, Packing and scheduling

## **Publications**

- New fairness concepts for allocating indivisible items, with Ioannis Caragiannis, Jugal Garg, Nidhi Rathi, and Giovanna Varricchio, to appear in IJCAI 2023.
- Simplification and improvement of MMS approximation, with Hannaneh Akrami, Jugal Garg, and Setareh Taki, to appear in IJCAI 2023. arXiv:2303.16788
- o Geometry meets vectors: approximation algorithms for multidimensional packing , with Arindam Khan and K.V.N. Sreenivas, in FSTTCS
- o Tight approximation algorithms for geometric bin packing with skewed items & & , with Arindam Khan, in Algorithmica and APPROX 2021.
- $\circ$  Harmonic algorithms for packing d-dimensional cuboids into bins  $\square \square$ , in FSTTCS 2021.
- An approximation algorithm for covering linear programs and its application to bin-packing, arXiv:2011.11268
- o Mitigating DNS amplification attacks using a set of geographically distributed SDN routers , with Vishal Gupta, in ICACCI 2018.

## Achievements

- July 2023 Dr. MNS Swamy Medal for Best MTech (Research) Thesis
- April 2023 Sharp Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- August 2021 Samuel Brainin Engineering Fellowship
- July 2022
- March 2018 Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)

Secured all-India rank 86 (out of approximately 100,000 candidates) in the 'Computer Science and IT' test.

# BITS-Pilani Merit Scholarship

Scored GPA within top 2% in three semesters.

#### ACM-ICPC

ACM-ICPC is an international annual multi-tiered programming contest for college students. Around 3000 teams (of 3 students each) participate in the Indian online qualifying round each year. Top few teams qualify for on-site regional contests in India.

- Dec 2017 Ranked 29 out of 250 teams in Amritapuri regional contest.
- Dec 2016 Ranked 66 out of 450 teams in Amritapuri regional contest.
- Dec 2016 Ranked 30 out of 70 teams in Kharagpur regional contest.
- Dec 2015 Ranked 88 out of 250 teams in Amritapuri regional contest.

## Invited Talks

- 22 Dec 2022 Existence and computation of epistemic EFX allocations 
  Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- 19 Dec 2022 Approximation algorithms for multidimensional packing FSTTCS 2022, Chennai, India
- 17 Dec 2021 Harmonic algorithms for packing dD cuboids into bins FSTTCS 2021, Online
- 16 Aug 2021 Algorithms for geometric bin packing with skewed items & APPROX 2021, Online

# Professional Service

Subreviewer for STOC 2022, SAGT 2022, EC 2023, IJCAI 2023.

# Work Experience

- Spring 2023 Teaching Assistant, IE 310: Deterministic models in optimization, UIUC
  - Fall 2022 Teaching Assistant, IE 300: Analysis of Data, UIUC
  - Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, IISc Bangalore
- Aug 2018 **Software Engineer**, media.net, Bangalore, India
- July 2019 *Topics*: machine learning, large-scale systems.

  media.net is an advertisement-technology company. I worked on improving their real-time bidder.

- Jan 2018 Intern 🗷, American Express, Gurgaon, India
- June 2018 Topics: neural networks, machine learning, big data.

Trained a neural network to predict credit-card defaulting. The input format was unconventional, so a custom architecture was devised. Its performance was at par with the production model, which was tuned over many years.

- May 2017 Intern, Directi, Mumbai, India
  - July 2017 Topics: machine learning.

Made Directi's news article classification algorithm recognize more categories.

- May 2016 Google Summer of Code (GSoC) Student ∠, Zulip
  - Aug 2016 Topics: software development.

Zulip is an open-source group chat application. 3 students were selected from over 100 applicants to work on Zulip as part of the GSoC program.

- $\circ$  Annotated python code ( $\sim 50{,}000$  lines) for use with a static type-checker.
- Migrated code to Python 3 by switching to newer dependencies, using automated code conversion, standardizing string types, and fixing bugs.

# Selected Coursework

#### UIUC:

- o (CS 598 TH1) Recent Advances in Theoretical CS: grade A+
- o (CS 473) Algorithms: grade A+
- o (IE 511) Integer Programming: grade A
- o (IE 519) Combinatorial Optimization: grade A
- o (IE 410) Advanced Stochastic Processes and Applications: grade A+
- o (IE 411) Optimization of Large Systems: grade A+

#### **IISc Bangalore**:

- Approximation Algorithms: grade A+, rank 1
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms: grade A+, rank 1
- o Computational Methods of Optimization: grade A+, rank 1
- Cryptography: grade A

# Computer Skills

LATEX, Python, C/C++, Java, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, SQL, Bash.

## Student Societies

#### BITS-ACM, BITS Pilani ACM Student Chapter

- Problem setter for 6 programming contests organized by BITS-ACM.
- Created backends for web applications used in online quizzing events.
- Conducted intra-BITS-ACM workshops on 'Competitive Programming' and 'Linux and CLI'.