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**Education**

**Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA, United States Expected May 2020

PhD in Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization (ACO), School of Computer Science  
Minor in Computational Learning Theory. GPA 4.00/4.00

Advisor: Dr. Mohit Singh  
Thesis proposal topic: Machine Learning under Budget and Fairness Constraints

**University of Richmond**, Richmond, VA, United States 2012-2016

BS in Mathematics (Honors with Thesis)  
Minor in Computer Science. GPA: 3.97/4.00

**University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK 2014-2015

Study Abroad Program in Mathematics and Computer Science

**Research Topics**

* Approximation algorithms in optimal design in statistics, as known as design of experiments (DoE) using combinatorial optimization. Diversity or representative sampling.
* Differential privacy – theory of privacy in growing database; its deployment in deep learning models such as RNNs, LSTMs, autoencoders, and GANs; and its application in private synthetic data generation.
* Fairness in machine learning – fair principle component analysis (fair PCA) using convex optimization and randomized rounding to obtain low-rank solution to semi-definite programming

**Other Interests**: model compressions; privacy and security in machine learning; fair and explainable/interpretable machine learning

**Work Experiences**

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| 2019 | **Microsoft Research intern**, Redmond, WA  Algorithms group. Supervisor: Janardhan Kulkarni and Sergey Yekhanin.   * Implemented privacy guarantee on large-scale Natural Language Processing models (RNNs and LSTMs) to protect against potential privacy deidentification due to model usage * Developed novel correlation clustering algorithm with its corresponding privacy analysis * Researched on private submodular optimization and surveyed literature for private stochastic gradient descent best for training deep learning models |

**Publications**

\* indicates papers with equal contributions

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| Conferences | 1. **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat**, Samira Samadi, Mohit Singh, Jamie Morgenstern, and Santosh Vempala. Fair dimensionality reduction and iterative rounding for SDPs. Thirty-third Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2019 2. Vivek Madan, Mohit Singh, **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat\***, and Weijun Xie. Combinatorial algorithms for optimal design. In Conference on Learning Theory (COLT), pages 2210–2258, 2019 3. Aleksandar Nikolov, Mohit Singh, and **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat\***. Proportional volume sampling and approximation algorithms for A-optimal design. ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), 2019 4. Samira Samadi, **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat**, Jamie Morgenstern, Mohit Singh, and Santosh Vempala. The price of fair PCA: One extra dimension. Thirty-second Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2018 5. Rachel Cummings, Sara Krehbiel, Kevin A Lai, and **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat\***. Differential privacy for growing databases. Thirty-second Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2018 |
| Preprints | 1. Vivek Madan, Aleksandar Nikolov (University of Toronto), Mohit Singh, and **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat\***. Maximizing Determinants under Matroid Constraints. Submitted, 2019. 2. **Uthaipon (Tao) Tantipongpipat**, Chris Waites, Digvijay Boob, Amaresh (Ankit) Siva, and Rachel Cummings. Differentially private mixed-type data generation for unsupervised learning. Submitted, 2019 |
| Journals | 1. **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat**. A combinatorial approach to Ebert’s hat game with many colors. The Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, 21(4):4–33, 2014 |
| Workshops | 1. Digvijay Boob, Rachel Cummings, Dhamma Kimpara, **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat\***, Chris Waites, and Kyle Zimmerman. Differentially private synthetic data generation via GANs. Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy (TPDP 2018) workshop, 2018 |
| Theses | 1. **Uthaipon Tantipongpipat**. Cameron-Liebler line classes and partial difference sets. Undergraduate Thesis, University of Richmond, 2016 |

**Talks and Presentations**

1. *Multi-Criteria Dimensionality Reduction with Applications to Fairness*(earlier version: Fair Dimensionality Reduction and Iterative Rounding for SDPs)
   1. **Invited talk**: Second Conference on Discrete Optimization and Machine Learning at RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project (AIP), Tokyo, Japan, July 2019
   2. **Invited talk**: Cornell Operations Research and Information Engineering (ORIE) workshop, Ithaca, NY, USA, October 2019
   3. **Invited talk**: INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, USA, October 2019
   4. **Spotlight and accepted for poster**: Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Vancouver, Canada, December 2019
2. *The Price of Fair PCA: One Extra Dimension*
   1. **Accepted for poster**: Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Montreal, Canada, December 2018
3. *Proportional Volume Sampling and Approximation Algorithms for A-Optimal Design*
   1. **Accepted paper presentation**: ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), San Diego, California, January 2019
   2. **Talk**: Machine learning theory group, Georgia Institute of Technology, November 2018
   3. **Poster**: Machine Learning in Science and Engineering (MLSE) Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, June 2018
   4. **Poster**: Algorithms and Randomness, Algorithms and Randomness Center (ARC) workshop, Georgia Institute of Technology, May 2018
   5. **Talk**: Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization (ACO) seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, April 2018
4. *Differential Privacy for Growing Databases*
   1. **Accepted for poster**: Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Montreal, Canada, December 2018
   2. **Talk**: Privacy reading group, Georgia Institute of Technology, February 2018
   3. **Accepted for poster**: Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy workshop (TPDP), Dallas, Texas, October 2017

**Awards and Fellowships**

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| *Current* | |
| 2019 | Best reviewers (top 10%) of NeurIPS (awarded free registration) |
| 2018 | First prize winner and people’s choice awards ($20,000 total prize), privacy engineering challenge, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Public Safety Communications Research Divisions (PSCR). https://www.herox.com/UnlinkableDataChallenge |
| 2018 | Algorithm and Randomness Center (ARC) and Transdisciplinary Research Institute for Advancing Data Science (TRIAD) fellowship, Georgia Institute of Technology |
| 2016 | Finalist, ITA Tech Challenge programming competition, Illinois Technology Association, IL |
| *Undergraduate* | |
| 2016 | David C. Evans Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship, Annual Honors Convocation, University of Richmond, VA.   * Awarded to a few students each year for achievements in arts and sciences. In press: https://news.richmond.edu/features/article/-/13415/2016-david-c.-evans-awards-school-of-arts-and-sciences-recognizes-outstanding-achievement.html |
| 2012-2016 | Robins Science Scholar, University of Richmond (merit scholarship covering full tuition, fees, accommodations, and meals for four years) |
| 2016 | Phi Beta Kappa (most prestigious honor society for liberal arts and sciences) |
| 2015 | Honorable Mention (top 2.5%), William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition   * Widely considered to be the most prestigious undergraduate-level mathematics examination |
| 2015 | Second Place, Mid-Atlantic Regional ACM Programming Contest, Christopher Newport University site |
| *Before Undergraduate* | |
| 2010-2012 | 3-Year Finalist, International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) selection, Thailand |
| 2012 | Honorable Mention, Nern-Thong-Khong-Mee-Ka National Contest in Economics, Thailand |
| 2011 | Honorable Mention, Finance and Economics National Competition, National Bank of Thailand |
| 2010, 2011 | Bronze Medal and Honorable Mention, Asia-Pacific Mathematics Olympiad (APMO) |
| 2008, 2009 | Gold and Bronze Medals, IWYMIC International Mathematics Competition |
| 2008, 2009 | Two Gold Medals, Thailand Mathematical Olympiad |

**Codes**

1. **Fair PCA project.** Semi-definite program and multiplicative weight heuristics for solving multi-criteria principle component analysis. In MATLAB and CVXOPT on Python. Publicly available at <https://github.com/sdpforall> (a website of the project is at <https://sites.google.com/site/ssamadi/fair-pca-homepage>).
2. **DPautoGAN.** Combining autoencoder and GAN to generate synthetic data with privacy protection guarantee. In Python and using Pytorch for neural networks. Publicly available at <https://github.com/DPautoGAN/DPautoGAN>.

**Service**

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| 2018-Now | Reviewer for NeurIPS (Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems), FOCS (Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science), MAPR (Mathematical Programming journal) |
| 2018-2019 | Co-organizer of ACO student seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology |

**Teaching**

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| 2019 | Teaching assistant, CS7520/ISYE8813 Approximation Algorithms, Georgia Institute of Technology |
| 2018 | Teaching assistant, CS6550 Graduate Algorithms, Georgia Institute of Technology |
| 2015-2016 | Language partner (2 hours per week mentor) in the language and culture of Thailand, Self-Directed Language Acquisition Program, University of Richmond |
| 2014 | Grader, MATH245 Linear Algebra, University of Richmond |
| 2011-2017 | Teacher and tutor for middle- and high-school competitive mathematics, Bangkok Christian College, Bangkok, Thailand |

**Skills**

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| Technical | Python, Pytorch, Pandas, CVXOPT, Java, C++, MATLAB, Mathematica, LaTeX, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint |
| Communication | Public speaking – Toastmaster |
| Languages | Thai (native); English (fluent) |