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Research Representation theory, integrable systems, and applications to probability theory and

Interests random matrices.

EMPLOYMENT Columbia University New York, NY

Simons Fellow (2016–present).

EDUCATION Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA

Ph.D., Mathematics (2011–2016), advised by Pavel Etingof.

University of Cambridge, UK

M.A.St., Mathematics, with distinction (2010–2011).

Harvard University Cambridge, MA

A.M., Mathematics (2006–2010).

A.B., Mathematics, magna cum laude, with secondary field in Economics (2006–2010).

Phi Beta Kappa (one of 24 juniors inducted)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Simons Junior Fellowship, 2016–2019.

NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2016–2019 (declined).

Johnson Prize for best research paper by MIT graduate student in mathematics, 2016.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012–2015.

MIT Praecis Presidential Fellowship, 2011–2012.

Churchill Scholarship for study at Cambridge, 2010–2011.

William Lowell Putnam Competition, 10th Place, 2009.

COMAP Math Contest in Modeling, Outstanding Winner, SIAM Prize, 2008 and 2009.

Intel Science Talent Search, 2nd Place, 2006.

International Mathematical Olympiad, Silver Medal, 2006.

Asian Pacific Mathematics Olympiad, Gold Medal, 2005.

International Physics Olympiad, Gold Medal, 2004.

MATHEMATICS RESEARCH

- 12. Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process (single author), in preparation, 2016.
- 11. Evaluation conjectures for affine Macdonald polynomials and special values of Felder-Varchenko functions (with E. Rains and A. Varchenko), in preparation, 2016.
- 10. Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine algebras and difference equations [after Etingof-Schiffmann-Varchenko] (single author), preprint, 2016.
- 9. Matrix models for multilevel Heckman-Opdam and multivariate Bessel measures (single author), preprint, 2015. yisun.mit.edu/papers/20150909-multilevel.pdf
- 8. Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko functions (single author), Communications in Mathematical Physics (2016). arXiv:1508.03918
- 7. The polynomial representation of the type A_{n-1} rational Cherednik algebra in characteristic $p \mid n$ (with S. Devadas), Communications in Algebra, to appear. arXiv: 1505.07891
- 6. A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald polynomials (single author), Mathematical Research Letters, to appear. Extended abstract in FPSAC 2015. arXiv:1412.0714
- 5. A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric functions (single author), Advances in Mathematics 289 (2016), 1157–1204. arXiv:1406.3772
- 4. Finite dimensional representations of the rational Cherednik algebra for G_4 (single author), Journal of Algebra 323 (2010), 2864–2887. arXiv:0910.5527

OTHER	3	From random walks to distances on unweighted graphs (with T. H	ashimoto and T		
RESEARCH	J.	Jaakkola), NIPS 2015. arXiv:1511.00573	asimmoto and 1.		
	2.	Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs (with T. Hashimoto NIPS 2014 workshop (Best Student Paper), AISTATS 2015. arXiv:			
	1.	. Axiomatic attribution for multilinear functions (with M. Sundararajan), ACM Conf. on Electronic Commerce 2011. arXiv:1102.0989			
RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS	18.	. MIT: Infinite-Dimensional Algebra Seminar March 2016 Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko functions			
	17.	MIT: Integrable Probability Seminar Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process	February 2016		
	16.	HCM: Asymptotic Analysis in Strongly Coupled Systems (poster) Laguerre and Jacobi analogues of the Warren process	January 2016		
	15.	NIPS 2015 (poster) From random walks to distances on unweighted graphs	December 2015		
	14.	ETH Zurich: ITS Talks in Theoretical Sciences 2015 Random matrices and representation theory	November 2015		
	13.	UC Berkeley: RTGC Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko f	November 2015 unctions		
	12.	ETH Zurich: Mathematical Physics Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko f	October 2015 unctions		
	11.	NEU: Geometry, Physics and Representation Theory Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko f	October 2015 unctions		
	10.	Columbia: Mathematical Physics Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko f	October 2015 unctions		
	9.	Yale: Geometry, Symmetry, and Physics Seminar Traces of intertwiners for quantum affine \mathfrak{sl}_2 and Felder-Varchenko f	September 2015 unctions		
	8.	FPSAC 2015 (poster) A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald	July 2015 l polynomials		
	7.	Clay Math Inst.: Random Polymers and Algebraic Combinatorics A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald	May 2015 l polynomials		
	6.	AISTATS 2015 (poster) Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs	May 2015		
	5.	ICERM: Workshop on Limit Shapes (poster) A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald	April 2015 l polynomials		
	4.	NIPS 2014: Workshop on Networks (poster) Metric recovery from directed unweighted graphs	December 2014		
	3.	UC Berkeley: GRASP Seminar A representation-theoretic proof of the branching rule for Macdonald	November 2014 l polynomials		
	2.	IHP: Workshop on Macdonald Processes and Hecke Algebras A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric function	May 2014 ns		
	1.	MIT: Integrable Probability Seminar A new integral formula for Heckman-Opdam hypergeometric function	April 2014 ns		
OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS	6.	Math Olympiad Summer Program 2016 Distribution Testing: Is this die fair?	June 2016		
	5.	MIT Open House 2016 Universality: Mathematics in the real world	April 2016		

4.	Math Olympiad Summer Program 2015 Fair coin flips from unfair coins	June 2015
3.	Math Olympiad Summer Program 2014 The Ising model	June 2014
2.	Math Olympiad Summer Program 2013 Random matrices	June 2013
1.	Math Olympiad Summer Program 2012 Random partitions and Fock space	June 2012

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 6. 54th International Mathematical Olympial (with J. Berman and Z. Feng), Mathematics Magazine 86 (2013), 309–313.
- 5. 53^{nd} International Mathematical Olympiad (with Z. Feng), Mathematics Magazine 85 (2012), 312–317.
- 52nd International Mathematical Olympiad (with Z. Feng), Mathematics Magazine 84 (2011), 316–319.
- 3. 51^{st} International Mathematical Olympial (with Z. Feng and P. Loh), Mathematics Magazine **83** (2010), 320–323.
- 2. A simulation based model of traffic circles (with C. Chang and Z. Fan), The UMAP Journal **30** (2009), 225–244.
- 1. hsolve: A difficulty metric and puzzle generator for Sudoku (with C. Chang and Z. Fan), The UMAP Journal 29 (2008), 303–324.

Teaching

MIT MathROOTS

Academic Coordinator. Design curriculum, give lectures, and manage academic team, guest lectures, website, and sponsorships for first two years of outreach program teaching problem solving to underrepresented minority students. Program received media coverage on MIT homepage and in Notices of the AMS.

US National Math Olympiad Summer Program Summers 2007–2016 Instructor (2010, 2012–2016); Assistant (2007–2009). Design curriculum, give lectures, and personally coach US team to International Mathematical Olympiad.

MIT Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Fall 2012–2015 Mentor two undergraduate research projects, leading to published research paper.

- Sheela Devadas (rational Cherednik algebras in char $p \leq n$), 2014–2015.
- Ryan Yoo (characters of rational Cherednik algebras in char p > n), 2012–2014.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant for Differential Equations. Evaluations: 6.2 (7.0)

MIT Directed Reading Program

January 2011

Mentor reading project on representation theory of the symmetric group.

Harvard University

Spring 2009

Course Assistant for Probability Theory. Evaluations: 4.3 (5.0)

Professional Activities

Columbia Probability Seminar

Fall 2016–Present

Summers 2015–2016

Co-organize weekly probability seminar.

MIT Interacting Particle Systems Learning Seminar

2012-2013

Organize learning seminar on recent developments in interacting particle systems.

Google Research

Summer 2010

Research intern. Research attribution and cost-sharing methods, leading to paper published in EC 2010. Mentor: Mukund Sundararajan

LANGUAGES

Mandarin (native), French (conversational)

Computer

Sage, Magma, Mathematica, LATEX, C++, Python

References

Pavel Etingof (advisor), Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, etingof@math.mit.edu.

Alexei Borodin, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, borodin@math.mit.edu.

Vadim Gorin, Assistant Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, vadicgor@math.mit.edu.

Eric Rains, Professor, California Institute of Technology, rains@caltech.edu.

Valerio Toledano-Laredo, Professor, Northeastern University, V. Toledano-Laredo@neu.edu.

Po-Shen Loh (teaching), Associate Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, ploh@cmu.edu.

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