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Areas of Interest

Complexity Theory, Analysis of Boolean functions, Learning theory, Applied Probability

Education

• University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Computer Science -2008-2013

Research advisor: Luca Trevisan

Chair of Dissertation Committee: Umesh V. Vazirani and Luca Trevisan

• Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India

B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering - 2004-2008

Employment

- Assistant Professor: EECS, Northwestern University, 2015-current.
- Postdoctoral associate: DIMACS, Rutgers (Mentor: Prof. Michael Saks), 2014-15.
- Visitor: School of Math, Institute for Advanced Study, 2014-15.
- Member: School of Math, Institute for Advanced Study (Mentor: Prof. Avi Wigderson), 2013-14.
- Research fellow: Simons Institute, UC Berkeley (Mentor: Prof. Luca Trevisan), Fall 2013.
- Visiting researcher: New York University (with Prof. Oded Regev), May-August 2013.
- Visiting researcher: Columbia University (with Prof. Rocco A. Servedio), May-August 2011, 2012.

Awards

- IBM Pat Goldberg Memorial best paper award for 2014 for "Nearly optimal solutions for the Chow Parameters Problem and low-weight approximation of halfspaces".
- Co-winner of the best student paper award at Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC) 2012.
- \bullet Berkeley fellowship for Graduate Study 2008-2010
- President of India Gold Medal for the best academic performance among all departments in graduating class of 2008 at IIT Kanpur

Journal publications

• A new central limit theorem and decomposition for Gaussian polynomials, with an application to deterministic approximate counting

(with Rocco Servedio), Probability Theory and Related Fields, 2017.

• Inverse Shapley Value Problem

(with Ilias Diakonikolas and Rocco Servedio), Games and Economic Behavior, 2017.

• A Robust Khintchine Inequality, and Algorithms for Computing Optimal Constants in Fourier Analysis and High-Dimensional Geometry

(with Ilias Diakonikolas and Rocco Servedio), SIAM Journal on Discrete Math, 2016.

 \bullet Majority is Stablest: Discrete and SoS

(with Elchanan Mossel and Joe Neeman), Theory of Computing, 2016.

• Nearly optimal solutions for the Chow parameters problem and low-weight approximations of halfspaces

(with Ilias Diakonikolas, Vitaly Feldman and Rocco Servedio), Journal of the ACM, 2014.

• Explicit optimal hardness via Gaussian stability results

(with Elchanan Mossel), ACM Transaction of Computation Theory, 2013.

• Fast Integer Multiplication using Modular Arithmetic

(with Piyush P Kurur, Chandan Saha and Ramprasad Saptharishi), SIAM Journal on Computing, 2013.

• Trevisan's extractor in the presence of quantum side information

(with Christopher Portmann, Thomas Vidick and Renato Renner), SIAM Journal on Computing, 2012.

Extractors and lower bounds for locally samplable distributions

(with Thomas Watson), ACM Transaction of Computation Theory, 2012.

Conference publications

• Boolean function analysis meets stochastic optimization: An approximation scheme for stochastic knapsack

SODA, 2018

• Non-interactive simulation of correlated distributions is decidable

(with Elchanan Mossel and Joe Neeman), SODA, 2018

• Optimal mean-based algorithms for trace reconstruction

(with Ryan O'Donnell and Rocco Servedio), STOC, 2017

• Noise stability is computable and low-dimensional

(with Elchanan Mossel and Joe Neeman), CCC, 2017

• Noisy population recovery in polynomial time

(with Michael Saks and Sijian Tang), FOCS, 2016

A size free CLT for poisson multinomials and its applications.

(with Costis Daskalakis, Gautam Kamath and Christos Tzamos), STOC, 2016

• Beyond the central limit theorem: asymptotic expansions and pseudorandomness for combinatorial sums

FOCS, 2015

• Boolean monotonicity testing requires (almost) $n^{1/2}$ non-adaptive queries

(with Xi Chen, Rocco Servedio and Li-Yang Tan), STOC, 2015

- Learning distributions from satisfying assignments (with Ilias Diakonikolas and Rocco Servedio), SODA, 2015
- Efficient deterministic approximate counting for low-degree PTFs (with Rocco Servedio), STOC, 2014.
- Deterministically counting satisfying assignments for juntas of degree-2 PTFs (with Ilias Diakonikolas and Rocco Servedio), CCC, 2014.
- A Polynomial time approximation scheme for fault-tolerant distributed storage (with Costis Daskalakis, Ilias Diakonikolas, Ankur Moitra and Rocco Servedio), SODA, 2014.
- Majority is Stablest: Discrete and SoS (with Elchanan Mossel and Joe Neeman), STOC, 2013.
- A Robust Khintchine Inequality, and Algorithms for Computing Optimal Constants in Fourier Analysis and High-Dimensional Geometry (with Ilias Diakonikolas and Rocco Servedio), ICALP, 2013.
- Nearly optimal solutions for the Chow parameters problem and low-weight approximations of halfspaces
 (with Ilias Diakonikolas, Vitaly Feldman and Rocco Servedio), STOC, 2012.
- The Inverse Shapley Value Problem (with Ilias Diakonikolas and Rocco Servedio), ICALP, 2012.
- Lower bounds in Differential Privacy *TCC*, 2012.
- Pseudorandomness for permutation and regular branching programs *CCC*, *2011*.
- Extractors and lower bounds for locally samplable distributions (with Thomas Watson), APPROX-RANDOM, 2011.
- Non-uniform attacks against one-way functions and PRGs (with Luca Trevisan and Madhur Tulsiani), CRYPTO, 2010.
- Near optimal extractors against quantum storage (with Thomas Vidick), QIP, 2010, STOC, 2010.
- Improved pseudorandom generators against DNFs (with Omid Etesami, Luca Trevisan and Madhur Tulsiani), APPROX-RANDOM, 2010.
- Extractors using hardness amplification (with Luca Trevisan), APPROX-RANDOM, 2009.
- Fast Integer Multiplication using Modular Arithmetic (with Piyush P Kurur, Chandan Saha and Ramprasad Saptharishi), STOC, 2008.

Manuscripts under review

- Density estimation for compactly supported shift invariant distributions (with Philip Long and Rocco Servedio)
- Effficient algorithms for learning sums of independent commonly support random variables (with Philip Long and Rocco Servedio)
- Tight sample complexity lower bounds for learning sums of independent commonly support random variables

(with Philip Long and Rocco Servedio)

Teaching Experience

- Instructor: Theory of Computation (Rutgers, Northwestern), Intro to computational learning theory (Northwestern), Analytical methods in computer science (Northwestern)
- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Algorithms (Berkeley)

Professional Experience

- Conference Program Committee: RANDOM 2015, CCC 2016, FOCS 2017.
- Conference Refereeing : STOC, FOCS, CCC, RANDOM, TCC, PODS, SOFSEM, STACS, SODA, ICALP, ESA, FSTTCS
- Journal Refereeing : SIAM J. on Computing, SIAM J. on Discrete Math., Theory of Computing, Algorithmica