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Research interests

- Approximation algorithms, graph algorithms, combinatorial optimization, submodular maximization

Education & research positions

- Microsoft Research, Redmond, USA – Research Intern (05–08.2018), under supervision of Nikhil Devanur and Janardhan Kulkarni.
- École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland – Doctoral Assistant (09.2014–present), Theory of Computation laboratory under supervision of Ola Svensson.
 - Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing – visiting graduate student (11–12.2017).
- École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland – Summer@EPFL internship (07–08.2013), Theory of Computation laboratory under supervision of Aleksander Mądry.
- Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Wrocław, Poland.
Two majors: Computer Science and Mathematics, 2008–2014, MSc in both. GPA over 4.95/5.00.

Awards

- **Best Paper Award** at STOC 2018
- **Best Paper Award** at FOCS 2017
- Honorable mention in competition for best Masters thesis in computer science (Polish Society of Informatics, 2016)
- Scholarship of Polish Ministry of Education for academic achievements – 2008, 2011, 2013
- EU scholarship for top students – 2009, 2010, 2011
- Multiple scholarships for high GPA from University of Wrocław

Teaching experience

- Teaching Assistant for 8 semesters (Advanced Algorithms 2016–2018, Algorithms 2015–2018, Theory of Computation 2015), EPFL
- gave several lectures in Advanced Algorithms (2016, 2018), EPFL
- supervised a Master semester project (02–06.2016), EPFL
- taught exercises in Algorithms and Data Structures (graduate level) (02–06.2014), Wrocław
- taught supplementary tutorial in Logic For Computer Science for first-year students (10.2010–02.2011), Wrocław

Invited talks

- BIRS workshop on TSP, Banff Centre, Canada (Sep 2018)
- Microsoft Research Redmond, USA (Jul 2018)
- Google Research Zürich, Switzerland (Apr 2018)
- Aussois, 22nd Combinatorial Optimization Workshop, France (Jan 2018)
- Stanford University, USA (Nov 2017)
- Georgia Institute of Technology, USA (Oct 2017)
- ETH Zürich, Switzerland (Sep 2017)
- 8th Cargese-Porquerolles Workshop on Combinatorial Optimization, France (Sep 2017)
- NII Shonan Meeting “Current Trends in Combinatorial Optimization”, Japan (Apr 2016)
- University of Wrocław, Poland (Feb 2016)

Industry experience

- Facebook – Software Engineering Intern (07–09.2012, Seattle, USA). Traffic Infrastructure team. Performance optimization of the load balancing software that all of Facebook’s web traffic passes through. Achieved a 30% gain in efficiency.

Competitive programming

- Onsite finals of Facebook Hacker Cup 2014 and 2015 (top 25, Menlo Park)
- ACM ICPC World Finals 2013 (St. Petersburg, Russia) and 2014 (Ekaterinburg, Russia; 13th place out of over 12000 teams)
- 1st place in IEEEExtreme 10.0 2016 (out of ~2000 teams), 2nd place in 2015, 3rd place in 2018
- 1st place in Wielka Przesmycka 2016 (Wrocław; open individual championship of Poland)

Service

- Reviewer for journals: Theoretical Computer Science, Discrete Optimization
- Reviewer for conferences: SODA 2019, FOCS 2018, ICALP 2018, STOC 2018, STOC 2017, APPROX 2017, SWAT 2016, ESA 2014
- Reviewer of project proposals: Polish National Science Center
- Head of problemsetting team at Helvetic Coding Contest, an annual programming competition held at EPFL (2015–2018); same for Santa’s Programming Challenge (2014–2017)
- Contributed problems to Polish Collegiate Programming Contest AMPPZ (2015–2018)

References

- Prof. Ola Svensson (*ola.svensson@epfl.ch*), faculty at EPFL.
Association: Co-author and PhD supervisor.
- Prof. Aleksander Mądry (*madry@mit.edu*), faculty at MIT.
Association: Co-author and internship supervisor.
- Dr. Nikhil Devanur (*nikdev@microsoft.com*), researcher at Microsoft.
Association: Internship supervisor.
- Prof. Amin Saberi (*saberi@stanford.edu*), faculty at Stanford.

Publications

- A. Norouzi-Fard, J. Tarnawski, S. Mitrović, A. Zandieh, A. Mousavifar and O. Svensson. Beyond $1/2$ -Approximation for Submodular Maximization on Massive Data Streams. In *35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2018, long talk.
- O. Svensson, J. Tarnawski and L. Végh. A Constant-Factor Approximation Algorithm for the Asymmetric Traveling Salesman Problem. In *50th Annual ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing (STOC)*, 2018. **Best Paper Award**
- O. Svensson and J. Tarnawski. The Matching Problem in General Graphs is in Quasi-NC. In *58th Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS)*, 2017. **Best Paper Award**
- S. Mitrović, I. Bogunović, A. Norouzi-Fard, J. Tarnawski and V. Cevher. Streaming Robust Submodular Maximization: A Partitioned Thresholding Approach. In *Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2017.
- A. Mosińska, J. Tarnawski and P. Fua. Active Learning and Proofreading for Delineation of Curvilinear Structures. In *20th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, 2017, oral presentation.
- C. Kalaitzis, O. Svensson and J. Tarnawski. Unrelated Machine Scheduling of Jobs with Uniform Smith Ratios. In *28th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)*, 2017.
- O. Svensson, J. Tarnawski and L. Végh. Constant Factor Approximation for ATSP with Two Edge Weights. In *18th Conference on Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO)*, 2016.
- A. Mądry, D. Straszak and J. Tarnawski. Fast Generation of Random Spanning Trees and the Effective Resistance Metric. In *26th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)*, 2015.