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RESEARCH INTERESTS      Complexity Theory, Optimization, Approximation and Inapproximability, Pseudorandomness, Arithmetic Combinatorics.

EDUCATION      ◇ **University of California, Berkeley**  
Ph.D. in Computer Science (2005-2009)  
Thesis: *Local Constraints in Combinatorial Optimization*  
Advisor: Luca Trevisan  
◇ **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India**  
B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering (2001-2005)

EMPLOYMENT      ◇ **Assistant Professor:** Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago, 2011-current  
◇ **Assistant Professor (Part Time):** Department of Computer Science, University of Chicago, 2011-current  
◇ **Postdoctoral Researcher:** Institute for Advanced Study and Princeton University, 2009-11  
◇ **Summer Intern:** Microsoft Research Bangalore (India), Summer 2008 and 2009  
◇ **Teaching Assistant:** CS170 (Fall 2006), CS172 (Spring 2007) and CS70 (Spring 2009).  
◇ **Summer Intern:** INRIA Rocquencourt, Le Chesnay (France), Summer 2004.

AWARDS      ◇ National Science Foundation Career Award, 2013  
◇ Outstanding GSI (Graduate Student Instructor) Award, UC Berkeley, Fall 2006  
◇ UC Berkeley Regents fellowship (2005-06)  
◇ President's Gold Medal for best academic performance among all departments in graduating class of 2005 at IIT Kanpur  
◇ Director's Gold Medal for best all-round achievement and leadership in graduating class of 2005 at IIT Kanpur  
◇ Academic Excellence Awards from IIT Kanpur for the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04

SERVICE      ◇ Referee for STOC, FOCS, SODA, CCC, TCC, ITCS, STACS, Theory of Computing, SIAM Journal on Computing.  
◇ Program Committee member for STOC 2012, APPROX 2013, FSTTCS 2013, CCC 2014.  
◇ Member of the editorial board for the journal *Theory of Computing*

PUBLICATIONS      1. **A Linear Round Lower Bound for Lovász-Schrijver SDP Relaxations of Vertex Cover**  
(with Grant Schoenebeck and Luca Trevisan)  
In *Proc. of 22nd Computational Complexity Conference, IEEE, 2007*

2. **Tight Integrality Gaps for Lovász-Schrijver LP Relaxations of Vertex Cover and Max Cut**  
(with Grant Schoenebeck and Luca Trevisan), In *Proc. of 39th STOC*, ACM, 2007
3. **Unique Games on Expanding Constraint Graphs are Easy**  
(with Sanjeev Arora, Subhash Khot, Alexandra Kolla, David Steurer and Nisheeth Vishnoi)  
In *Proc. of 40th STOC*, ACM, 2008
4. **Dense Subsets of Pseudorandom Sets**  
(with Omer Reingold, Luca Trevisan and Salil Vadhan), In *Proc. of 49th FOCS*, IEEE, 2008
5. **CSP Gaps and Reductions in the Lasserre Hierarchy**  
In *Proc. of 41st STOC*, ACM, 2008
6. **Boosting, Regularity, and Efficiently Simulating Every High-Entropy Distribution**  
(with Luca Trevisan and Salil Vadhan)  
In *Proc. of 24th Computational Complexity Conference*, IEEE, 2009
7. **SDP Gaps from Pairwise Independence**  
(with Siavosh Benabbas, Costis Georgiou and Avner Magen)  
In *Proc. of 12th APPROX*, 2009
8. **SDP Gaps for 2-to-1 and other Label Cover Variants**  
(with Venkatesan Guruswami, Subhash Khot, Preyas Papat, Ryan O'Donnell and Yi Wu)  
In *Proc. of 37th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming*, 2010
9. **Time-Space Tradeoffs for Attacks against One-Way Functions and PRGs**  
(with Anindya De and Luca Trevisan)  
In *Proc. of 30th International Cryptology Conference (CRYPTO)*, 2010
10. **Improved Pseudorandom Generators for Depth 2 Circuits**  
(with Anindya De, Omid Etesami and Luca Trevisan)  
In *Proc. of 14th RANDOM*, 2010
11. **Algorithms and Hardness for Subspace Approximation**  
(with Amit Deshpande and Nisheeth Vishnoi)  
In *Proc. of the 22nd ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms*, 2011
12. **On LP-based Approximability for Strict CSPs**  
(with Amit Kumar, Rajsekar Manokaran and Nisheeth Vishnoi)  
In *Proc. of the 22nd ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms*, 2011
13. **Lovász-Schrijver Reformulation**  
In Wiley Encyclopedia of Operations Research & Management Science
14. **Convex Relaxations and Integrality Gaps**  
(with Eden Chlamtac)  
In Handbook on Semidefinite, Cone and Polynomial Optimization
15. **Quadratic Goldreich-Levin Theorems**  
(with Julia Wolf), In *Proc. of 52nd FOCS*, IEEE, 2011
16. **Graph Densification**  
(with Moritz Hardt and Nikhil Srivastava), In *Proc. of 3rd ITCS*, 2012
17. **Reductions between Expansion Problems**  
(with Prasad Raghavendra and David Steurer)  
In *Proc. of 27th Computational Complexity Conference*, IEEE, 2012

18. **Cuts in Cartesian Products of Graphs**  
(with Sushant Sachdeva), *Manuscript*
19. **LS+ gaps from Pairwise Independence**  
(with Pratik Worah), In *Proc. of 28th Computational Complexity Conference*, IEEE, 2013
20. **Towards an Optimal Query Efficient PCP?**  
(with Subhash Khot and Muli Safra), In *Proc. of 4th ITCS*, 2013
21. **Sampling Based Proofs of Almost Periodicity and Algorithmic Applications**  
(with Eli Ben-Sasson, Noga Ron-Zewi and Julia Wolf), *Manuscript*
22. **A Characterization of Strong Approximation Resistance**  
(with Subhash Khot and Pratik Worah), *Manuscript*
23. **Algorithmic Regularity for Polynomials and Applications**  
(with Pooya Hatami and Arnab Bhattacharyya), *Manuscript*

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