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Employment

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| 01/01/2023 – present | Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Associate Chair for Graduate Studies (DGS) at the Computer Science Department |
| 09/2021 – present | Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Professor of Computer Science |
| 02/2017 – 08/2023 | Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA
Consultant |
| 02/2017 – 09/2021 | Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Associate Professor of Computer Science (with tenure) |
| 04/2012 – 01/2017 | Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA
Researcher, Theory Group |
| 07/2007 – 04/2012 | IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, NY
Research Staff Member, Algorithms Group |
| 06/2006 – 09/2006 | IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, NY
Intern, Algorithms Group
Mentor: Maxim Sviridenko |
| 06/2005 – 09/2005 | Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA
Intern, Theory Group
Mentor: Assaf Naor |
| 01/2002 – 08/2003 | Siebel Systems, San Mateo, CA
Software Engineer, Core Engineering |

Education

- 2003 – 2007 **Department of Computer Science, Princeton University**
Ph.D. in Computer Science
Advisor: Moses Charikar
- 1996 – 2001 **Department of Mathematics, Moscow University**
M.S. in Pure and Applied Mathematics
Diploma with Honors; GPA 5.0/5.0
Advisors: Alexander Shen and Nikolai Vereshchagin
- 1992 – 1996 **Moscow Math High School #57**

Current and Former PhD Students

- Dionysios Arvanitakis (co-advised with Aravindan Vijayaraghavan)
- Sanchit Kalhan (co-advised with Aravindan Vijayaraghavan)
- Illias Papanikolaou
- Aravind Reddy (co-advised with Aravindan Vijayaraghavan) – Postdoc at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard
- Liren Shan – Research Assistant Professor at Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago

Postdocs

- Dmitrii Avdiukhin
- Suprovat Ghoshal (co-mentored with Yury Makarychev)
- Xue Chen (hosted with Anindya De and Aravindan Vijayaraghavan)

Summer Interns

Microsoft Research

- Euiwoong Lee
- Anand Louis
- Ilya Razenshteyn
- Tselil Schramm
- Grigory Yaroslavtsev

IBM Research

- Rajsekar Manokaran
- Roy Schwartz
- Aravindan Vijayaraghavan

Undergraduate Research Advisees

- Bob Guo
- Nathan White
- Timothy Zhou

Professional Service

- Program Committee Member: STOC 2022, ICALP 2021, SODA 2020, ESA 2018, STOC 2016, APPROX 2014, CSR 2014, ICALP 2013, CSR 2013, SODA 2013, APPROX 2012, STOC 2008
- General co-chair for STOC 2020
- PhD Dissertation Committees: Abhratanu Dutta (Northwestern University), Emirhan Gürpınar (Montpellier University), Jafar Jafarov (Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago), Tarik Kaced (Montpellier University), Aravindan Vijayaraghavan (Princeton University)
- Grant reviewing for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Israel Science Foundation (ISF)
- Refereeing for APPROX, COLT, CSR, ESA, FOCS, ICALP, ICML, PODC, SODA, STACS, STOC, WINE (conferences); and Algorithmica, Combinatorica, Discrete Optimization, Information Processing Letters, Journal of ACM, Journal of Global Optimization, Mathematics of Operations Research, SIAM Journal on Computing, SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, Theoretical Computer Science (journals)

Research Funding

2020 – 2024

NSF Award CCF-1955351 for Collaborative Medium Research Project
“Design and Analysis of Models and Algorithms for Real-life Problems.”
This is a joint project with Yury Makarychev.

2019 – 2022

Team member of the Institute for Data, Econometrics, Algorithms, and Learning (IDEAL). The institute is supported by NSF Award CCF-1934931.

Awards and Honors

2011

IBM A-Level Accomplishment for work on Semidefinite Programming

2010

IBM Research 2009 Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Award

2006 – 2007

IBM Ph.D. Fellowship

2003 – 2007

Gordon Wu Fellowship

2003

Siebel Engineering Outstanding Contributor Award

1996 – 1997

George Soros Fellowship

1996

Russian Mathematical Olympiad – Silver Medal

Teaching

Northwestern University

- Design and Analysis of Algorithms: *Winter 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Winter 2021, Winter 2020, Winter 2019, Spring 2018, Winter 2018*
- Graduate Algorithms (syllabus): *Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2020, Spring 2020*
- Approximation Algorithms (syllabus): *Fall 2024, Winter 2023, Winter 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2017*
- Special Topics in Approximation Algorithms: *Winter 2025, Spring 2020*
- Advanced Algorithm Design Through the Lens of Competitive Programming: *Winter 2022*
- Algorithms for Big Data: *Spring 2022*
- Math Toolkit for Theoretical Computer Scientists: *Spring 2019*

University of Washington

- Linear and Semi-Definite Programming in Approximation Algorithms (with Mohit Singh): *Fall 2014*

Summer Schools

- Metric Geometry and Its Applications in Computer Science (CS Club, Saint Petersburg, Russia): *Fall 2017*
- Approximation Algorithms (CSR Conference): *Summer 2013*

Teaching Assistant at Princeton University

- The Efficient Universe (taught by Avi Wigderson): *Spring 2006*
- Discrete Mathematics (taught by Moses Charikar): *Fall 2004*

Math Instructor

- Math circle classes for high school students at Moscow High School #57, Moscow University, and Moscow Center for Continuous Mathematical Education: *1996 – 1998, 2000 – 2001*

Surveys and Book Chapters

1. **Perturbation Resilience**

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev

Beyond the Worst-Case Analysis of Algorithms. Editor: Tim Roughgarden. Cambridge University Press. 2020.

2. **Approximation Algorithms for CSPs (a survey of results)**

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev

The Constraint Satisfaction Problem: Complexity and Approximability. Editors: Andrei Krokhin and Stanislav Zivny. Dagstuhl Follow-Ups. 2017.

3. **Bilu-Linial Stability (a survey on Bilu-Linial stability and perturbation resilience)**

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev

Advanced Structured Prediction. Editors: T. Hazan, G. Papandreou, D. Tarlow. MIT Press. 2016.

Publications

4. **Constraint Satisfaction Problems with Advice**

Suprovat Ghoshal, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev

SODA 2025 (to appear)

5. **Pruned Pivot: Correlation Clustering Algorithm for Dynamic, Parallel, and Local Computation Models**

Mina Dalirrooyfard, Konstantin Makarychev, Slobodan Mitrović

ICML 2024 (oral presentation)

6. **Approximation Scheme for Weighted Metric Clustering via Sherali-Adams (oral presentation)**

Dmitrii Avdiukhin, Vaggos Chatziafratis, Konstantin Makarychev, Grigory Yaroslavtsev

AAAI 2024 (oral presentation)

7. **Higher-Order Cheeger Inequality for Partitioning with Buffers**

Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Liren Shan, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan

SODA 2024

8. **Random Cuts are Optimal for Explainable k-Medians**

Konstantin Makarychev and Liren Shan

NeurIPS 2023 (oral presentation)

9. **Single-Pass Pivot Algorithm for Correlation Clustering. Keep it simple!**

Sayak Chakrabarty and Konstantin Makarychev

NeurIPS 2023

10. **Phylogenetic CSPs are Approximation Resistant**

Vaggos Chatziafratis and Konstantin Makarychev

FOCS 2023

11. **Approximation Algorithm for Norm Multiway Cut**
Charlie Carlson, Jafar Jafarov, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Liren Shan
ESA 2023
12. **Explainable k-means. Don't be greedy, plant bigger trees!**
Konstantin Makarychev and Liren Shan
STOC 2022
13. **Near-optimal algorithms for explainable k-medians and k-means**
Konstantin Makarychev and Liren Shan
ICML 2021
14. **Local Correlation Clustering with Asymmetric Classification Errors**
Jafar Jafarov, Sanchit Kalhan, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
ICML 2021
15. **Batch Optimization for DNA Synthesis**
Konstantin Makarychev, Miklos Z. Racz, Cyrus Rashtchian, Sergey Yekhanin
ISIT 2021
16. **Two-sided Kirschbraun Theorem**
Arturs Backurs, Sepideh Mahabadi, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
SoCG 2021
17. **Improved Guarantees for k-means++ and k-means++ Parallel**
Konstantin Makarychev, Aravind Reddy, Liren Shan
NeurIPS 2020
18. **Correlation Clustering with Asymmetric Classification Errors**
Jafar Jafarov, Sanchit Kalhan, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
ICML 2020
19. **Bisect and Conquer: Hierarchical Clustering via Max-Uncut Bisection**
Sara Ahmadian, Vaggos Chatziafratis, Alessandro Epasto, Euiwoong Lee, Mohammad Mahdian, Konstantin Makarychev, Grigory Yaroslavtsev
AISTATS 2020
20. **Certified Algorithms: Worst-Case Analysis and Beyond**
Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
ITCS 2020
21. **Correlation Clustering with Local Objectives**
Sanchit Kalhan, Konstantin Makarychev, Timothy Zhou
NeurIPS 2019

22. **Performance of Johnson-Lindenstrauss Transform for k-Means and k-Medians Clustering**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Ilya Razenshteyn
STOC 2019
23. **DNA assembly for nanopore data storage readout**
with Karin Strauss, Luis Ceze, et al.
Nature Communications 10, Article number: 2933 (2019)
24. **Scaling up DNA data storage and random access retrieval**
with Karin Strauss, Luis Ceze, et al.
Nature Biotechnology 36, pp. 242-248, 2018
25. **Nonlinear Dimension Reduction via Outer Bi-Lipschitz Extensions**
Sepideh Mahabadi, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Ilya Razenshteyn
STOC 2018
26. **Clustering Billions of Reads for DNA Data Storage**
Cyrus Rashtchian, Konstantin Makarychev, Miklos Z. Racz, Siena Dumas Ang, Djordje Jevdjic, Sergey Yekhanin, Luis Ceze, Karin Strauss
NeurIPS 2017 (spotlight presentation)
27. **Algorithms for Stable and Perturbation-Resilient Problems**
Haris Angelidakis, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
STOC 2017
28. **Robust algorithms with polynomial loss for near-unanimity CSPs**
Victor Dalmau, Marcin Kozik, Andrei Krokhin, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Jakub Opršal
SODA 2017
29. **Learning Communities in the Presence of Errors**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan
COLT 2016
30. **Union of Euclidean Metric Spaces is Euclidean**
Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
Discrete Analysis 2016
31. **A bi-criteria approximation algorithm for k-Means**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Maxim Sviridenko, Justin Ward
APPROX 2016
32. **Satisfiability of Ordering CSPs Above Average**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Yuan Zhou
FOCS 2015

33. **Correlation Clustering with Noisy Partial Information**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan
COLT 2015
34. **Near Optimal LP Rounding Algorithm for Correlation Clustering on Complete Graphs**
Shuchi Chawla, Konstantin Makarychev, Tselil Schramm, Grigory Yaroslavtsev
STOC 2015
35. **Network-Aware Scheduling for Data-Parallel Jobs: Plan When You Can**
Virajith Jalaparti, Peter Bodik, Ishai Menache, Sriram Rao, Konstantin Makarychev, Matthew Caesar
SIGCOMM 2015
36. **Solving Optimization Problems with Diseconomies of Scale**
Konstantin Makarychev and Maxim Sviridenko
FOCS 2014
Journal of the ACM, Volume 65, Issue 6, November 2018, Article No. 42.
37. **Nonuniform Graph Partitioning with Unrelated Weights**
Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
ICALP 2014
Sbornik: Mathematics (Russian Academy of Sciences), vol. 208
38. **Precedence-constrained Scheduling of Malleable Jobs with Preemption**
Konstantin Makarychev and Debmalya Panigrahi
ICALP 2014
39. **Constant Factor Approximation for Balanced Cut in the PIE Model**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan
STOC 2014
40. **Bilu-Linial Stable Instances of Max Cut**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan
SODA 2014
41. **Approximation Algorithm for Sparsest k-Partitioning**
Anand Louis and Konstantin Makarychev
SODA 2014
42. **Speed Regularization and Optimality in Word Classing**
Geoffrey Zweig and Konstantin Makarychev
ICASSP 2013
43. **Local Search is Better than Random Assignment for Bounded Occurrence Ordering k-CSPs**
Konstantin Makarychev
STACS 2013

44. **Sorting Noisy Data with Partial Information**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan
ITCS 2013 – Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science
45. **Approximation Algorithm for Non-Boolean MAX k-CSP**
Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
APPROX 2012
46. **Approximation Algorithms for Semi-random Graph Partitioning Problems**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Aravindan Vijayaraghavan
STOC 2012
47. **Concentration Inequalities for Nonlinear Matroid Intersection**
Konstantin Makarychev, Warren Schudy, Maxim Sviridenko
SODA 2012
Random Structures & Algorithms, vol. 46, no. 3, 2015
48. **The Grothendieck Constant is Strictly Smaller than Krivine's Bound**
Mark Braverman, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Assaf Naor
FOCS 2011; preprint arXiv:1103.6161 [math.FA]
Forum of Mathematics, II, Volume 1, 2013
49. **How to Play Unique Games Against a Semi-random Adversary**
Alexandra Kolla, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
FOCS 2011
50. **Min-Max Graph Partitioning and Small Set Expansion**
Nikhil Bansal, Uriel Feige, Robert Krauthgamer, Konstantin Makarychev, Viswanath Nagarajan, Joseph (Seffi) Naor, Roy Schwartz
FOCS 2011
Special Issue of SIAM Journal of Computing (SICOMP), vol. 43, no. 2, 2014
51. **Improved Approximation for the Directed Spanner Problem**
Piotr Berman, Arnab Bhattacharyya, Konstantin Makarychev, Sofya Raskhodnikova, Grigory Yaroslavl'tsev
ICALP 2011
Special Issue of Information and Computation, vol. 222, pp. 93-107, 2013.
52. **Maximizing Polynomials Subject to Assignment Constraints**
Konstantin Makarychev and Maxim Sviridenko
ICALP 2011
53. **On Parsimonious Explanations For 2-D Tree- and Linearly-Ordered Data**
Howard Karloff, Flip Korn, Konstantin Makarychev, Yuval Rabani
STACS 2011

54. Assembly of Circular Genomes

Konstantin Makarychev and Alantha Newman
ITCS 2011

55. Metric Extension Operators, Vertex Sparsifiers and Lipschitz Extendability

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
FOCS 2010;
Israel Journal of Mathematics, vol. 212 (2), May 2016

56. Maximum Quadratic Assignment Problem

Konstantin Makarychev, Rajsekar Manokaran, Maxim Sviridenko
ICALP 2010
ACM Transactions on Algorithms, vol. 10, no. 4, article 18, August 2014

57. How to Play Unique Games on Expanders

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
WAOA 2010

58. On Hardness of Pricing Items for Single-Minded Bidders

Rohit Khandekar, Tracy Kimbrel, Konstantin Makarychev, Maxim Sviridenko
APPROX 2009 (see a nice entry on the problem at Richard Lipton's blog).

59. Integrality Gaps for Sherali-Adams Relaxations

Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
STOC 2009

60. Indexing Genomic Sequences on the IBM Blue Gene

Amol Ghoting and Konstantin Makarychev
SC 2009
ACM Gordon Bell Prize Finalist

61. Serial and Parallel Methods for I/O Efficient Suffix Tree Construction

Amol Ghoting and Konstantin Makarychev
SIGMOD 2009
ACM Transactions on Database Systems (TODS), vol. 35(4), pp. 25:1-25:37
IBM Pat Goldberg Best Paper Award

62. Online Make-to-Order Joint Replenishment Model: Primal Dual Competitive Algorithms

Niv Buchbinder, Tracy Kimbrel, Retsef Levi, Konstantin Makarychev, Maxim Sviridenko
SODA 2008

63. Local Global Tradeoffs in Metric Embeddings

Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
FOCS 2007
Special issue of SIAM Journal of Computing (SICOMP), vol. 39, no. 6, pp. 2487-2512, 2010

64. **On the Advantage over Random for Maximum Acyclic Subgraph**
Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
FOCS 2007
65. **Near-Optimal Algorithms for Maximum Constraint Satisfaction Problems**
Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
SODA 2007;
Special issue of ACM Transactions on Algorithms, vol. 5, no. 3, article 32, July 2009a
66. **A Divide and Conquer Algorithm for d-Dimensional Linear Arrangement**
Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
SODA 2007
67. **How to Play Unique Games Using Embeddings**
Eden Chlamtac, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
FOCS 2006
68. **Near-Optimal Algorithms for Unique Games**
Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
STOC 2006
69. **Directed Metrics and Directed Graph Partitioning Problems**
Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
SODA 2006
70. **Square root log n approximation algorithms for Min UnCut, Min 2CNF Deletion, and directed cut problems**
Amit Agarwal, Moses Charikar, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev
STOC 2005
71. **Quadratic Forms on Graphs**
Noga Alon, Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Assaf Naor
STOC 2005
Inventiones Mathematicae, vol. 163, no. 3, pp. 499-522, March 2006
72. **Chain Independence and Common Information**
Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 58(8), pp. 5279-5286, 2012
73. **A new class of non Shannon type inequalities for entropies**
Konstantin Makarychev, Yury Makarychev, Andrei Romashchenko, Nikolai Vereshchagin
Communications in Information and Systems, vol. 2, no. 2, pp. 147-166, December 2002

74. **The Importance of Being Formal**

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
The Mathematical Intelligencer, vol. 23 no. 1, 2001

75. **Proof of Pak's conjecture on tilings by T-tetrominoes (in Russian)**

Konstantin Makarychev and Yury Makarychev
manuscript

PhD Thesis

76. **Quadratic Forms on Graphs and Their Applications**

Konstantin Makarychev

Patents

1. Serial and parallel methods for I/O efficient suffix tree construction.
2. Efficient clustering of noisy polynucleotide sequence reads.
3. Efficient payload extraction from polynucleotide sequence reads.
4. Efficient polymer synthesis.