

Christian Kroer — Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

Fields: artificial intelligence, optimization, game theory.

Specific: equilibrium computation, market design, auctions, first-order methods, online learning, machine learning, robust optimization.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University <i>Ph.D. in computer science (advisor: Tuomas Sandholm), PA, USA</i>	Pittsburgh 2012–2018
IT University of Copenhagen <i>M.Sc. IT - software development and technology, Denmark</i>	Copenhagen 2009–2012
Aalborg University <i>B.A. human-centered informatics, Denmark</i>	Aalborg 2006–2009

Employment and Internships

Associate Professor (without tenure) <i>Columbia University, Industrial Engineering and Operations Research</i>	2024–
Assistant Professor <i>Columbia University, Industrial Engineering and Operations Research</i>	2019–2024
Research Scientist (1 day per week) <i>Meta, Core Data Science</i>	2019–2020, 2022–2024
Postdoc <i>Facebook, Core Data Science</i>	2018–2019
Research Assistant <i>Carnegie Mellon University</i>	2012–2018
Research Intern <i>Facebook, Core Data Science</i>	Summer 2016
Research Intern <i>Microsoft Research New York City</i>	Summer 2015
Research Assistant (short-term contractor position) <i>Aalborg University</i>	2012
Teaching Assistant <i>IT University of Copenhagen</i>	2011–2012

Systems Developer

Netmester A/S

2010–2011

Honors and Awards

Best paper award, GameSec 2024

National Science Foundation CAREER Award, 2023-2028

Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award, 2022-2025

Facebook Fellowship in economics and computation, 2016 - 2018

INFORMS Computing Society Student Paper Competition, runner-up 2017

Publications

Journal papers in progress.....

[1] Bhaskar Ray Chaudhury, Christian Kroer, Ruta Mehta, and Tianlong Nan. Competitive equilibrium for chores: from dual Eisenberg-Gale to a fast, greedy, LP-based algorithm. *Submitted*, 2024.

[2] Zongjun Yang, Luofeng Liao, Yuan Gao, and Christian Kroer. Online fair allocation with best-of-many-worlds guarantees. *Submitted*, 2024.

[3] Luofeng Liao and Christian Kroer. Statistical inference and a/b testing in fisher markets and paced auctions. *Management Science (major revision)*, 2024.

[4] Santiago Balseiro, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Single-leg revenue management with advice. *Operations Research (minor revision)*, 2022.

[5] Santiago Balseiro, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Online resource allocation under horizon uncertainty. *Management Science (major revision)*, 2024.

[6] Xi Chen, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Throttling equilibria in auction markets. *Operations Research (major revision)*, 2021.

Published journal papers.....

[1] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Better regularization for sequential decision spaces: Fast convergence rates for nash, correlated, and team equilibria. *Operations Research (to appear)*, 2024.

[2] Xi Chen, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. The complexity of pacing for second-price auctions. *Mathematics of Operations Research*, 2024.

[3] Julien Grand-Clément and Christian Kroer. Solving optimization problems with blackwell approachability. *Mathematics of Operations Research*, 2024.

[4] Santiago Balseiro, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Contextual standard auctions with budgets: Revenue equivalence and efficiency guarantees. *Management Science*, 2023. Finalist, INFORMS AMD Rothkopf Junior Researcher Paper Prize.

- [5] Duncan Mcelfresh, Christian Kroer, Sergey Pupyrev, Karthik Sankararaman, Zack Chauvin, Neil Dexter, Eric Sodomka, and John Dickerson. Matching algorithms for blood donation. *Nature Machine Intelligence*, 2023.
- [6] Yuan Gao and Christian Kroer. Infinite-dimensional Fisher markets and tractable fair division. *Operations Research*, 2023.
- [7] Vincent Conitzer, Christian Kroer, Debmalya Panigrahi, Okke Schrijvers, Eric Sodomka, Nicolas E Stier-Moses, and Chris Wilkens. Pacing equilibrium in first-price auction markets. *Management Science*, 2022.
- [8] Vincent Conitzer, Christian Kroer, Eric Sodomka, and Nicolas E. Stier-Moses. Multiplicative pacing equilibria in auction markets. *Operations Research*, 2022.
- [9] Christian Kroer, Alexander Peysakhovich, Eric Sodomka, and Nicolas E Stier-Moses. Computing large market equilibria using abstractions. *Operations Research*, 2022.
- [10] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Limited lookahead in imperfect-information games. *Artificial Intelligence Journal*, 2020.
- [11] Christian Kroer, Kevin Waugh, Fatma Kılınç-Karzan, and Tuomas Sandholm. Faster algorithms for extensive-form game solving via improved smoothing functions. *Mathematical Programming Series A*, 2020.
- [12] Christian Kroer, Martin Kjær Svendsen, Rune M Jensen, Joseph Kiniry, and Eilif Leknes. Symbolic configuration for interactive container ship stowage planning. *Computational Intelligence*, 2014.
- [Published conference papers](#).....
- [1] Tianlong Nan, Yuan Gao, and Christian Kroer. On the convergence of tâtonnement for linear Fisher markets. In *AAAI*, 2025.
- [2] Salam Afiouni, Jakub Cerny, Chun Kai Ling, and Christian Kroer. Commitment to sparse strategies in two-player games. In *AAAI*, 2025.
- [3] Yang Cai, Gabriele Farina, Grand-Clément, Julien, Christian Kroer, Chung-Wei Lee, Haipeng Luo, and Weiqiang Zheng. Fast last-iterate convergence of learning in games requires forgetful algorithms. In *NeurIPS*, 2024.
- [4] Chakrabarti, Darshan, Grand-Clément, Julien, and Christian Kroer. Extensive-form game solving via Blackwell approachability on treeplexes. In *NeurIPS (spotlight)*, 2024.
- [5] Zhiyuan Fan, Christian Kroer, and Gabriele Farina. On the optimality of dilated entropy and lower bounds for online learning in extensive-form games. In *NeurIPS*, 2024.
- [6] Jakub Cerny, Chun Kai Ling, Darshan Chakrabarti, Jingwen Zhang, Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Garud Iyengar. Contested logistics: A game theoretic approach. In *GameSec (Best Paper Award)*, 2024.
- [7] Bhaskar Ray Chaudhury, Christian Kroer, Ruta Mehta, and Tianlong Nan. Competitive equilibrium for chores: from dual Eisenberg-Gale to a fast, greedy, LP-based algorithm. In *EC*, 2024.

- [8] Luofeng Liao and Christian Kroer. Bootstrapping Fisher market equilibrium and first-price pacing equilibrium. In *ICML*, 2024.
- [9] Matteo Castiglioni, Andrea Celli, and Christian Kroer. Online learning under budget and ROI constraints via weak adaptivity. In *ICML*, 2024.
- [10] Jakub Cerny, Chun Kai Ling, Christian Kroer, and Garud Iyengar. Layered graph security games. In *IJCAI*, 2024.
- [11] Darshan Chakrabarti, Gabriele Farina, and Christian Kroer. Efficient online learning on polytopes with linear minimization oracles. In *AAAI*, 2024.
- [12] Zongjun Yang, Luofeng Liao, and Christian Kroer. Greedy-based online fair allocation with adversarial input: Enabling best-of-many-worlds guarantees. In *AAAI*, 2024.
- [13] Michael Curry, Vinzenz Thoma, Darshan Chakrabarti, Stephen Marcus McAleer, Christian Kroer, Tuomas Sandholm, Niao He, and Sven Seuken. Automated design of affine maximizer mechanisms in dynamic settings. In *AAAI*, 2024.
- [14] Gabriele Farina, Julien Grand-Clément, Christian Kroer, Chung-Wei Lee, and Haipeng Luo. Regret matching⁺: (in)stability and fast convergence in games. In *NeurIPS (spotlight)*, 2023.
- [15] Darshan Chakrabarti, Jelena Diakonikolas, and Christian Kroer. Block-coordinate methods and restarting for solving extensive-form games. In *NeurIPS*, 2023.
- [16] Amine Allouah, Christian Kroer, Xuan Zhang, Vashist Avadhanula, Anil Dania, Caner Gocmen, Sergey Pupyrev, Parikshit Shah, and Nicolas Stier. Fair allocation over time, with applications to content moderation. In *KDD*, 2023.
- [17] Santiago Balseiro, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Single-leg revenue management with advice. In *EC*, 2023.
- [18] Luofeng Liao and Christian Kroer. Statistical inference and a/b testing for first-price pacing equilibria. In *ICML*, 2023.
- [19] Santiago Balseiro, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Online resource allocation under horizon uncertainty. In *SIGMETRICS*, 2023.
- [20] Alexander Peysakhovich, Christian Kroer, and Nicolas Usunier. Implementing fairness constraints in markets using taxes and subsidies. In *FACCT*, 2023.
- [21] Luofeng Liao, Yuan Gao, and Christian Kroer. Statistical inference for Fisher market equilibrium. In *ICLR*, 2023.
- [22] Samuel Sokota, Ryan D'Orazio, J. Zico Kolter, Nicolas Loizou, Marc Lanctot, Ioannis Mitliagkas, Noam Brown, and Christian Kroer. A unified approach to reinforcement learning, quantal response equilibria, and two-player zero-sum games. In *ICLR*, 2023.
- [23] Tianlong Nan, Yuan Gao, and Christian Kroer. Fast and interpretable dynamics for Fisher markets via block-coordinate updates. In *AAAI (Oral)*, 2023.
- [24] Luofeng Liao, Yuan Gao, and Christian Kroer. Nonstationary dual averaging and online fair allocation. In *NeurIPS*, 2022.

- [25] Gabriele Farina, Ioannis Anagnostides, Haipeng Luo, Chung-Wei Lee, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Near-optimal no-regret learning for general convex games. In *NeurIPS*, 2022.
- [26] Ioannis Anagnostides, Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, Chung-Wei Lee, Haipeng Luo, and Tuomas Sandholm. Uncoupled learning dynamics with $O(\log T)$ swap regret in multiplayer games. In *NeurIPS (Oral)*, 2022.
- [27] Steven Yin and Christian Kroer. Optimal efficiency-envy trade-off via optimal transport. In *NeurIPS*, 2022.
- [28] Matteo Castiglioni, Andrea Celli, and Christian Kroer. Online learning with knapsacks: the best of both worlds. In *ICML*, 2022.
- [29] Gabriele Farina, Chung-Wei Lee, Haipeng Luo, and Christian Kroer. Kernelized multiplicative weights for 0/1-polyhedral games: Bridging the gap between learning in extensive-form and normal-form games. In *ICML*, 2022.
- [30] Santiago Balseiro, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Contextual standard auctions with budgets: Revenue equivalence and efficiency guarantees. In *EC*, 2022.
- [31] Ioannis Anagnostides, Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, Andrea Celli, and Tuomas Sandholm. Faster no-regret learning dynamics for extensive-form correlated and coarse correlated equilibria. In *EC*, 2022.
- [32] Andrea Celli, Riccardo Colini Baldeschi, Christian Kroer, and Eric Sodomka. The parity ray regularizer for pacing in auction markets. In *TheWebConf*, 2022.
- [33] Yuan Gao, Alex Peysakhovich, and Christian Kroer. Online market equilibrium with application to fair division. In *NeurIPS*, 2021.
- [34] Julien Grand-Clément and Christian Kroer. Conic Blackwell algorithm: Parameter-free convex-concave saddle-point solving. In *NeurIPS*, 2021.
- [35] Chung-Wei Lee, Christian Kroer, and Haipeng Luo. Last-iterate convergence in extensive-form games. In *NeurIPS*, 2021.
- [36] Xi Chen, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. Throttling equilibria in auction markets. In *WINE*, 2021.
- [37] Xi Chen, Christian Kroer, and Rachitesh Kumar. The complexity of pacing for second-price auctions. In *EC*, 2021.
- [38] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Better regularization for sequential decision spaces: Fast convergence rates for Nash, correlated, and team equilibria. In *EC*, 2021.
- [39] Julien Grand-Clément and Christian Kroer. First-order methods for wasserstein distributionally robust mdp. In *ICML (spotlight)*, 2021.
- [40] Steven Yin, Shatian Wang, and Lingyi Zhang and Christian Kroer. Dominant resource fairness with meta-types. In *IJCAI*, 2021.
- [41] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Faster game solving via predictive Blackwell approachability: Connecting regret matching and mirror descent. In *AAAI*, 2021.

- [42] Julien Grand-Clément and Christian Kroer. Scalable first-order methods for robust MDPs. In *AAAI*, 2021.
- [43] Yuan Gao, Christian Kroer, and Donald Goldfarb. Increasing iterate averaging for solving saddle-point problems. In *AAAI*, 2021.
- [44] Yuan Gao and Christian Kroer. Infinite-dimensional Fisher markets: Equilibrium, duality and optimization. In *AAAI*, 2021.
- [45] Yuan Gao and Christian Kroer. First-order methods for large-scale market equilibrium computation. In *NeurIPS*, 2020.
- [46] Tom Yan, Christian Kroer, and Alexander Peysakhovich. Evaluating and rewarding teamwork using cooperative game abstractions. In *NeurIPS*, 2020.
- [47] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Stochastic regret minimization in extensive-form games. In *ICML*, 2020.
- [48] Duncan Mcelfresh, Christian Kroer, Sergey Pupyrev, Karthik Sankararaman, Zack Chauvin, Neil Dexter, Eric Sodomka, and John Dickerson. Matching algorithms for blood donation. In *EC*, 2020.
- [49] Riley Murray, Christian Kroer, Alex Peysakhovich, and Parikshit Shah. Robust market equilibria with uncertain preferences. In *AAAI (oral presentation)*, 2020. oral presentation.
- [50] Alex Peysakhovich, Christian Kroer, and Adam Lerer. Robust multi-agent counterfactual prediction. In *NeurIPS*, 2019.
- [51] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Optimistic regret minimization for extensive-form games via dilated distance-generating functions. In *NeurIPS*, 2019.
- [52] Christian Kroer, Alexander Peysakhovich, Eric Sodomka, and Nicolas E Stier-Moses. Computing large market equilibria using abstractions. In *EC*, 2019.
- [53] Vincent Conitzer, Christian Kroer, Debmalya Panigrahi, Okke Schrijvers, Eric Sodomka, Nicolas E Stier-Moses, and Chris Wilkens. Pacing equilibrium in first-price auction markets. In *EC*, 2019.
- [54] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Regret circuits: Composability of regret minimizers. In *ICML (long oral)*, 2019.
- [55] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, Noam Brown, and Tuomas Sandholm. Stable-predictive optimistic counterfactual regret minimization. In *ICML*, 2019.
- [56] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Online convex optimization for sequential decision processes and extensive-form games. In *AAAI*, 2019.
- [57] Alberto Marchesi, Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, Nicola Gatti, and Tuomas Sandholm. Quasi-perfect stackelberg equilibrium. In *AAAI*, 2019.
- [58] Christian Kroer, Gabriele Farina, and Tuomas Sandholm. Solving large sequential games with the excessive gap technique. In *NeurIPS (spotlight presentation)*, 2018.

- [59] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. A unified framework for extensive-form game abstraction with bounds. In *NeurIPS*, 2018.
- [60] Vincent Conitzer, Christian Kroer, Eric Sodomka, and Nicolas E. Stier-Moses. Multiplicative pacing equilibria in auction markets. In *WINE*, 2018.
- [61] Gabriele Farina, Alberto Marchesi, Christian Kroer, Nicola Gatti, and Tuomas Sandholm. Trembling-hand perfection in extensive-form games with commitment. In *IJCAI*, 2018.
- [62] Christian Kroer, Gabriele Farina, and Tuomas Sandholm. Robust stackelberg equilibria in extensive-form games and extension to limited lookahead. In *AAAI*, 2018.
- [63] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Regret minimization in behaviorally-constrained zero-sum games. In *ICML*, 2017.
- [64] Christian Kroer, Kevin Waugh, Fatma Kılınc-Karzan, and Tuomas Sandholm. Theoretical and practical advances on smoothing for extensive-form games. In *EC*, 2017.
- [65] Christian Kroer, Gabriele Farina, and Tuomas Sandholm. Smoothing method for approximate extensive-form perfect equilibrium. In *IJCAI*, 2017.
- [66] Noam Brown, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Dynamic thresholding and pruning for regret minimization. In *AAAI*, 2017.
- [67] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Imperfect-recall abstractions with bounds in games. In *EC*, 2016.
- [68] Christian Kroer, Miroslav Dudík, Sébastien Lahaie, and Sivaraman Balakrishnan. Arbitrage-free combinatorial market making via integer programming. In *EC*, 2016.
- [69] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Sequential planning for steering immune system adaptation. In *IJCAI*, 2016.
- [70] Christian Kroer, Kevin Waugh, Fatma Kılınc-Karzan, and Tuomas Sandholm. Faster first-order methods for extensive-form game solving. In *EC*, 2015.
- [71] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Limited lookahead in imperfect-information games. In *IJCAI*, 2015.
- [72] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Discretization of continuous action spaces in extensive-form games. In *AAMAS*, 2015.
- [73] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Computational bundling for auctions. In *AAMAS*, 2015.
- [74] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Extensive-form game abstraction with bounds. In *EC*, 2014.
- [75] Bruce DeBruhl, Christian Kroer, Anupam Datta, Tuomas Sandholm, and Patrick Tague. Power napping with loud neighbors: optimal energy-constrained jamming and anti-jamming. In *WiSec*, 2014.

- [76] Paolo Viappiani and Christian Kroer. Robust optimization of recommendation sets with the maximin utility criterion. In *ADT*, 2013.
- [77] Kevin Tierney, Amanda Jane Coles, Andrew Coles, Christian Kroer, Adam M Britt, and Rune Møller Jensen. Automated planning for liner shipping fleet repositioning. In *ICAPS*, 2012.
- [78] Christian Kroer and Yuri Malitsky. Feature filtering for instance-specific algorithm configuration. In *ICTAI*, 2011.

Workshop papers.....

- [1] Luofeng Liao, Christian Kroer, Sergei Leonenkov, Okke Schrijvers, Liang Shi, Nicolas Stier-Moses, and Congshan Zhang. Interference among first-price pacing equilibria: A bias and variance analysis. In *CODE@MIT*, 2024.
- [2] Darshan Chakrabarti, Gabriele Farina, and Christian Kroer. Efficient learning in polyhedral games via best response oracles. In *OPT2023: Optimization for Machine Learning*, 2023.
- [3] Michael Curry, Vinzenz Thoma, Darshan Chakrabarti, Stephen Marcus McAleer, Christian Kroer, Tuomas Sandholm, Niao He, and Sven Seuken. Automated design of affine maximizer mechanisms in dynamic settings. In *European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning*, 2023.
- [4] Samuel Sokota, Ryan D’Orazio, J Zico Kolter, Nicolas Loizou, Marc Lanctot, Ioannis Mitliagkas, Noam Brown, and Christian Kroer. A unified approach to reinforcement learning, quantal response equilibria, and two-player zero-sum games. In *Deep RL Workshop*, 2022.
- [5] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Clairvoyant regret minimization: Equivalence with nemirovski’s conceptual prox method and extension to general convex games. In *OPT2022: Optimization for Machine Learning*, 2022.
- [6] Ioannis Anagnostides, Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Faster no-regret learning dynamics for extensiveform correlated equilibrium. in: *Aaai-22 workshop on reinforcement learning in games*. In *AAAI-22 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games (AAAI22-RLG)*, 2022.
- [7] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Faster game solving via predictive blackwell approachability: Connecting regret matching and mirror descent. In *AAAI-21 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2021.
- [8] Farina, Christian Kroer, Noam Brown, and Tuomas Sandholm. Stable-predictive optimistic counterfactual regret minimization. In *AAAI-20 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2020.
- [9] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Optimistic regret minimization for extensive-form games via dilated distance-generating functions. In *AAAI-20 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2020.
- [10] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Composability of regret minimizers. In *AAAI-20 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2020.
- [11] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Optimistic regret minimization for extensive-form games via dilated distance-generating functions. In *7th International Workshop on Strategic Reasoning (SR 2019) at IJCAI*, 2019.

- [12] Alexander Peysakhovich and Christian Kroer. Fair division without disparate impact. In *3rd Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good at EC*, 2019.
- [13] Duncan Mcelfresh, Christian Kroer, Sergey Pupyrev, Eric Sodomka, and John Dickerson. Matching algorithms for blood donation. In *3rd Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good at EC*, 2019.
- [14] Duncan Mcelfresh, Christian Kroer, Sergey Pupyrev, Eric Sodomka, and John Dickerson. Matching algorithms for blood donation. In *AI for Social Good at IJCAI 2019*, 2019.
- [15] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Regret circuits: Composability of regret minimizers. In *AAAI-19 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2019.
- [16] Alberto Marchesi, Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, Nicola Gatti, and Tuomas Sandholm. Quasi-perfect stackelberg equilibrium. In *AAAI-19 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2019.
- [17] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Online convex optimization for sequential decision processes and extensive-form games. In *AAAI-19 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2019.
- [18] Christian Kroer, Gabriele Farina, and Tuomas Sandholm. Solving large sequential games with the excessive gap technique. In *AAAI-19 Workshop on Reinforcement Learning in Games*, 2019.
- [19] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. A unified framework for extensive-form game abstraction with bounds. In *AI³ workshop at IJCAI*, 2018.
- [20] Christian Kroer, Nam Ho-Nguyen, George Lu, and Fatma Kılınç-Karzan. Performance evaluation of iterative methods for solving robust convex quadratic problems. In *Optimization for Machine Learning Workshop*, 2017.
- [21] Vincent Conitzer, Christian Kroer, Eric Sodomka, and Nicolas E. Stier-Moses. Multiplicative pacing equilibria in auction markets. In *Workshop on Algorithmic Game Theory and Data Science at EC*, 2017.
- [22] Gabriele Farina, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Regret minimization in behaviorally-constrained zero-sum games. In *Algorithmic Game Theory Workshop at IJCAI*, 2017.
- [23] Noam Brown, Christian Kroer, and Tuomas Sandholm. Dynamic thresholding and pruning for regret minimization. In *Algorithmic Game Theory Workshop at IJCAI*, 2016.
- [24] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Imperfect-recall abstractions with bounds. In *Algorithmic Game Theory Workshop at IJCAI*, 2015.
- [25] Christian Kroer and Tuomas Sandholm. Extensive-form game abstraction with bounds. In *Workshop on Computer Poker and Imperfect Information at AAAI*, 2015.

Invited talks

2025: Tippie College of Business Seminar

2024: MIT ORC Seminar

2024: DeepMind NYC
2024: Rutgers Business School Seminar
2023: Columbia Workshop on Fairness in Operations and AI
2023: University of Minnesota IsyE Department Seminar
2023: Indeed.com Ad Science
2023: Facebook Core Data Science Experimentation Science and Market Algorithms Team
2022: Amazon Advertising Research Seminar
2022: Invited Speaker, Mixed Integer Programming Workshop
2022: UMD CS Theory Seminar
2022: Spotify Tech Research Seminar Series
2021: RPI Computer Science Colloquium
2021: University of Illinois Urbana Champaign ISE Seminar
2021: Aarhus University Invited Talk
2021: Plenary speaker, Workshop on Reinforcement Learning Theory @ ICML'21
2021: A Computational Lens on Auction Markets with Budgets. NYU Stern Operations Management Research Seminar
2019: Computing Large Market Equilibria using Abstractions. INFORMS Annual Conference
2019: Competitive Equilibrium without Disparate Impact. INFORMS Annual Conference
2019: AI and ML methods for Market Equilibrium. Machine Learning for Science and Engineering (MLSE)
2017: Multiplicative Pacing Equilibria in Auction Markets. INFORMS Annual Conference
2017: Multiplicative Pacing Equilibria in Auction Markets. Duke University CS-ECON Seminar
2016: Arbitrage-Free Combinatorial Market Making via Integer Programming. INFORMS Annual Conference.
2015: Faster First-Order Methods for Extensive-Form Game Solving. INFORMS Annual Conference.
2015: Faster First-Order Methods for Extensive-Form Game Solving. 22nd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP).
2013: Computational Bundling for Auctions. INFORMS Annual Conference.

Columbia Teaching

IEOR E4530 AI, Games, and Markets

BS+MS class, Professor

Columbia University

2022 Spring, 2023 Fall

IEOR E4525 Machine Learning for OR & FE

BS+MS class, Professor

Columbia University

2020 Fall, 2021 Spring+Fall, 2022 Spring+Fall, 2024 Spring

IEOR E8100 Economics, AI, and Optimization

PhD class, Professor

Columbia University

2020 Spring

IEOR E4004 Optimization Models and Methods

MS class, Professor

Columbia University

2019 Fall

Prior Teaching

Electronic Negotiation <i>MS class, Vertical mentor</i>	Carnegie Mellon University 2017
Electronic Negotiation <i>MS class, Vertical mentor</i>	Carnegie Mellon University 2016
Graduate Artificial Intelligence <i>PhD class, TA</i>	Carnegie Mellon University 2016
Electronic Negotiation <i>MS class, Vertical mentor</i>	Carnegie Mellon University 2015
Artificial Intelligence <i>BS class, TA, Nominated for TA award</i>	Carnegie Mellon University 2015
Electronic Negotiation <i>MS class, Vertical mentor</i>	Carnegie Mellon University 2014
Intelligent Systems Programming <i>MS class, TA</i>	IT University of Copenhagen 2012
Algorithm Design <i>MS class, TA</i>	IT University of Copenhagen 2011

Ph.D. Advising - Current Students

Fatih Selim Aktas	IEOR, Columbia University 2023-
Salam Afioni	IEOR, Columbia University 2023-
Tianlong Nan	IEOR, Columbia University 2022-
Darshan Chakrabarti	IEOR, Columbia University 2021-
Luofeng Liao	IEOR, Columbia University 2021-

Ph.D. Advising - Graduated Students

Rachitesh Kumar <i>First position: Ass. Professor, Tepper School of Business</i> Thesis title: Budget Management in Auctions: Bidding Algorithms and Equilibrium Analysis	IEOR, Columbia University 2019-2024
Yuan Gao <i>First position: Data Scientist, Microsoft</i> Thesis title: New Optimization Models and Methods for Classical, Infinite-Dimensional, and Online Fisher Markets	IEOR, Columbia University 2019-2022

Postdoctoral Advising

Jakub Cerny <i>Coadvised with Garud Iyengar</i>	IEOR, Columbia University 2023-
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Shuvomoy Das Gupta (Rice Ass. Prof.)

Coadvised with Garud Iyengar

IEOR, Columbia University

2024-2025

Chun Kai Ling (NUS Ass. Prof.)

Coadvised with Garud Iyengar

IEOR, Columbia University

2023-2024

M.Sc. and Undergraduate Advising

Tianlong Nan

IEOR, Columbia University

2021-2022

Zongjun Yang

Peking University

2023-2024

Awards Won by Students

Awards below were won by students that I advise for our joint research projects.

2023: Rachitesh Kumar, Finalist, INFORMS AMD Rothkopf Junior Researcher Paper Prize

2023: Darshan Chakrabarti, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

2022: Rachitesh Kumar, CAIT Doctoral Fellowship. One year of full support+extension option.

2021: Yuan Gao, Cheung-Kong Innovation Doctoral Fellowship. One year of full support.

Outside Service

Thesis committee/review:

○ Andrea Celli, Information Technology at Politecnico di Milano, 2019,

Conference Program Committee service:

○ ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (PC: 2019-2022, 2024, SPC: 2025)

○ NeurIPS (PC: 2020, Area Chair: 2021-2023, Senior Area Chair: 2024)

○ AAI (PC: 2019, SPC: 2020-2022,2024, Area Chair: 2025)

Journal Editor Roles: Transactions on Machine Learning Research, action editor (2022-2023)

Other Area Chair: AAI Social Impact Track ('20)

Other Program Committee: DAI ('19), IJCAI ('16, '18, '19), WEB ('20), Computer Poker Workshop at AAI ('17)

Reviewing: AAI ('17), ACM Transactions on Economics and Computation ('13, '14, '16, '18), AISTATS ('17), Artificial Intelligence ('18, '19), EC ('17,'23), Games and Economic Behavior ('21, '22), ICML ('16), IJCAI ('16, '18), Imperfect-Information Games Workshop ('18), Information Systems Research ('21), International Conference on Learning Representations ('22), IPCO (2020), Management Science ('20, '21, '22,'23,'24), Mathematical Programming ('22,'23), Neurips OPT workshop ('24), Operations Research ('18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23,'24), JAAMAS ('15, '16), SODA ('22,'23), STOC ('22, '24) TARK ('17), Transactions on Computational Intelligence and AI in Games ('14, '15), WINE ('15, '19, '21)

Workshop Organizing: Workshop on fairness in business and operations, December 2023, organizer Multi-Agent AI in the Real-World Workshop (AAAI-25), steering committee

Societies: INFORMS, AAI, ACM

2017 - 2018: Member of the CMU CSD Speakers Club

2014 - 2016: CMU CS Ph.D. admissions committee member

2013: CMU CSD Immigration Course coordinator

Department Service

Thesis committee/review:

- IEOR at Columbia University: Sudeep Raja, Jalaj Bhandari, Yunhao Tang, Yi Ren, Xiao Lei, Steven Yin, Shatian Wang, Sai Mali Ananth, Haofeng Zhang
- SEAS at Columbia University: Eric Neyman (thesis defense 2024, thesis proposal 2023, candidacy exam 2022), William Brown (thesis defense 2024, candidacy exam 2022)

Fall 2020-Fall 2022: IEOR-DRO Seminar Organizer

2020, 2021, 2022, 2024: Columbia IEOR Ph.D. admissions committee member

2022-: Columbia IEOR MSOR/MSIE committee member

2020-2022: Columbia IEOR undergraduate committee member

2021, 2022: Columbia IEOR faculty hiring committee member

External Funding

2023-2028: CAREER: Fair and Efficient Market Design at Scale. NSF. Sole PI. \$600,000

2023-2026: Red Team/Blue Team Games with Contingency Planning and Adversarial Team Games. Office of Naval Research. Lead PI. \$1,226,862.00 (my share: \$736,117)

2022-2025: Fast Iterative Methods for Large-Scale Game-Theoretic Problems and Beyond. Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award. Sole PI. \$510,000

2022-2025: FAI: Making Money Fairly - AI Algorithms for Fair Auctions, Pricing, and Marketing. NSF and Amazon. Co-PI. \$628,789 (my share: \$125,758)

Programming

Strong experience (2+ years professional or research work; some a decade ago): Java, Python, C++, C#

Medium experience: R, SQL, C, HTML, CSS

Familiar with: Julia, Matlab, Scala, XSLT, Javascript

Frameworks

Statistics/ML: pandas, scikit-learn, tidyverse.

Version control: Git, SVN, Mercurial.

Optimization: CPLEX, Gurobi, NumPy, CVXPY.

Web: ASP.NET, Bootstrap, Flask.