

CURRICULUM VITAE AND RESEARCH PLAN

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1 Education

- 1995 - 1998: PhD in Computer Science, Sapienza University of Rome (Advisor: Prof. Alberto Marchetti - Spaccamela).
- July 1999 - December 1999: Post Doc at University of Graz, in the combinatorial optimization group, under Prof. Gerhard Woeginger.

2 Current position

Associate Professor at Dipartimento di Ingegneria Informatica, Automatica e Gestionale "A. Ruberti", Sapienza University of Rome.

3 Research

I have a background in the design and analysis of efficient algorithms for NP-hard and on-line problems. More recently, I investigated problems arising in the modelling and analysis of applications for large scale information networks, such as Internet and the Web. This activity occurred especially within the framework of european research projects that have involved or involve prominent european academic institutions and other international, public/private research labs. My current research interests touch the following areas:

Data mining and information retrieval in complex networks. Large scale Internet and Web applications continuously perform data mining and information retrieval tasks that benefit both end users and service providers. Performing these tasks poses algorithmic and computational challenges that are typically magnified by sheer data size and that are the object of intensive research.

I am interested in the study of efficient and scalable algorithmic techniques, with emphasis on solutions that address the issues of decentralization, lack of coordination and privacy. In this area, among others I investigated the application of techniques from spectral graph theory to the problem of fully decentralized clustering of possibly large graphs. More recently, I began to investigate the application of advanced graph mining and spectral graph analysis techniques to the emerging field of Network Medicine.

Optimization in large social networks. I am interested in the study of optimization problems arising in complex systems and social networks, with emphasis on resource allocation and task scheduling. Many information retrieval and coordination tasks in large-scale Web applications can be recast as optimization problems over possibly dynamic data sets. Examples include Crowdsourcing tasks to teams so as to optimize given performance goals or addressing important performance optimization issues in Web search applications, which can be recast as on-line combinatorial/stochastic optimization problems.

Algorithmic modelling and analysis of complex systems. The development and analysis of models of agents' behaviour in social networks and complex systems in general plays an important role both in our understanding of such systems and in the design of effective strategies to address problems that arise in a variety of applications, from electronic commerce to viral marketing, to the timely detection of disease outbreaks to name a few. I am currently interested in effective and simple strategies to solve basic but important coordination problems in dynamic social networks, such as reaching a majority consensus, spreading information or identified communities in a fully decentralized way.

4 Projects

I was local coordinator for Sapienza University of Rome of the following national project, funded by the Italian Ministry of Research:

- PRIN project COGENT: "Aspetti Computazionali e di Teoria dei Giochi in Reti Non-Coordinate".

Among others, I was or am involved in the following projects: EU FET IP Project DELIS: "Dynamically Evolving Large Scale Information Systems"; EU FET IP Project AEOLUS: "Algorithmic Principles for Building Efficient Overlay Computers"; EU FET Project FRONTS: Foundations of Adaptive Networked Societies of Tiny Artefacts; MULTIPLEX: Foundational Research on MULTIllevel comPLEX networks and systems.

5 Service

Program committees. Among others, I was or am in the program committees of the following conferences:

- International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming: 2016, 2018.
- European Symposium on Algorithms: 2007.
- 34th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS 2009).
- International World Wide Web Conference (WWW): 2014 - 2018, 2019 (upcoming).
- ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining: 2015, 2016, 2018.
- ACM Conference in Information Knowledge and Management (CIKM): 2012, 2013.
- ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM): 2009, 2012, 2014 - 2018.
- IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining: 2015 - 2018
- 30th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering, 2014

Conference and workshop organization.

- ACM Conference on Web Search and Data Mining, main session and doctoral consortium, registration chair.
- 9th Italian Information Retrieval workshop (IIR 2018): program chair.

Other reviewing activity. Amongst others, I have frequently served as a reviewer for the following journals: *Elsevier Algorithmica*, *Internet Mathematics*, *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, *Journal on Computer and Systems Science*, *ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data*, *ACM Transactions on Algorithms*, *ACM Transactions on the Web*, *Algorithmica*, *Theoretical Computer Science*, *Discrete and Applied Mathematics*, *Plos One*.

6 Teaching

I have taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Sapienza University of Rome since the academic year 2000/2001. Among these, undergraduate courses in algorithms and data structures, graduate and undergraduate courses in computer networks.

I am currently teaching an undergraduate course in foundations of computer science and programming and a graduate/PhD course in advanced algorithmic techniques for information retrieval and data mining.

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