

# SANJEEV ARORA

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Born in January 1968, in India. US Permanent Resident

## Career

July'03–	Professor of Computer Science, Princeton University.
Feb'07–June'07	Visiting Professor, Weizmann Institute
Sept'06–Jan'07	Visiting researcher, Microsoft Research
Sept'01–June'02	Visiting Associate Professor, UC Berkeley .
Feb.'99–June'03	Associate Professor of Computer Science, Princeton University.
Sept.'94–Jan.'99	Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Princeton University.

## Education

Ph.D., Computer Science, UC Berkeley, 1994. Advisor: U.V. Vazirani  
S.B., Math with CS, MIT, 1990.

## Professional Activities and Honors

- SIGACT Committee for Advancement of Theoretical CS. Member 2005-07, Chair since Aug'07.
- Graduate mentoring award from Princeton University, 2005. (One of four winners.)
- Best paper award (cowinner), ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, 2004.
- Invited speaker, International Symposium on Math Programming 2003.
- Distinguished Alumnus Award from UC Berkeley Computer Science Dept., 2003.
- Invited speaker, International Congress of Mathematicians, 2002.
- EATCS-SIGACT Gödel prize (cowinner), 2001.
- Codirector of DIMACS, 2000-2001 (1 term)
- Invited speaker, ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, 1998.
- David and Lucile Packard Foundation Fellowship, 1997–2002.
- Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, 1996.
- NSF CAREER Award for junior faculty, 1995.
- ACM Doctoral Dissertation Award (cowinner), 1995.
- Ranked first in India, IIT Joint Entrance Exam, 1986.

- Member of editorial board, *Computational Complexity, Theory of Computing, SIAM J. Disc. Math, Journal of Combinatorial Optimization, Information and Computation, Electronic Colloquium on Computational Complexity.*
- Program Chair for *APPROX 2003* and *IEEE FOCS 2006*. Program committee member for: *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, 1996, International Computing and Combinatorics Conference, 1997, IEEE Foundations of Computer Science, 2000, ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing, 2003.*
- Invited speaker at *Logic Colloquium'94, McGill Workshop on Complexity Theory, 1996, CUNY Logic Day 1996, Dimacs Workshop on Networks Design, 1997, NYU Geometry Day, 1997, Lecturer at IAS-Park City Summer school in Complexity Theory, 2000, Bay Area Theory Day 2001, Foundations of Software Technology and Theoretical CS 2001, Dimacs workshop on Geometric Algorithms 2003, Foundations of Computation Theory 2003, NYU/Columbia Theory Day, 2004.*

### **Selected Publications (chronological order by first publication)**

1. S. Arora, T. Leighton and B. Maggs. Online Algorithms for Path Selection in a Nonblocking Network. *SIAM J. Comp.* **25**(3):600–625, 1996. (Prelim. version in ACM STOC 1990.)
2. S. Arora and S. Safra. Probabilistic Checking of Proofs: A New Characterization of NP. *Journal of the ACM* **45**(1):70–122, 1998. (Prelim. Version IEEE FOCS 1992.)
3. S. Arora, C. Lund, R. Motwani, M. Sudan, and M. Szegedy. Proof verification and intractability of approximation problems. *JACM* **45**(3):501–555, 1998. (Prelim. Version IEEE FOCS 1992.)
4. S. Arora, L. Babai, J. Stern, and Z. Sweedyk. The hardness of approximate optima in lattices, codes, and systems of linear equations. *JCSS*, 54(2):317-331, 1997. (Prelim. version in *IEEE FOCS* 1993.)
5. S. Arora, D. Karger, and M. Karpinski. Polynomial Time Approximation Schemes for Dense Instances of  $\mathcal{NP}$ -Hard Problems. *JCSS* **58** 1999. (Prelim. version in STOC 1995.)
6. S. Arora and M. Sudan. Improved low degree testing and its applications. *Combinatorica*, 2004. (Prelim version in ACM STOC 1997.)
7. S. Arora. Polynomial-time approximation schemes for Euclidean TSP and other geometric problems. *JACM* **45**(5):753–782, 1998. (Based on papers in IEEE FOCS 1996 and 1997.)
8. S. Arora, S. Rao, and P. Raghavan. Polynomial-time approximation schemes for Euclidean facility location and k-median. *Proc. ACM STOC*, 106–113, 1998.
9. S. Arora and R. Kannan. Learning mixtures of separated non-spherical gaussians. *Annals of Applied Probability*, 2005. (Prelim version in *Proc. ACM STOC* 2001.)

10. S. Arora, B. Bollobás, L. Lovász, and I. Tourlakis. Proving integrality gaps without knowing the linear program. *Theory of Computing*, 2006. (Prelim version IEEE FOCS 2001.)
11. S. Arora, S. Rao, and U. Vazirani. Expander flows, geometric embeddings, and graph partitioning. *Proc. ACM STOC*, 2004.
12. M. Alekhovich, S. Arora and I. Tourlakis. Towards strong nonapproximability results in the Lovász-Schrijver hierarchy. *Proc. ACM STOC* 2005.
13. S. Arora, J. Lee, and A. Naor. Euclidean distortion and Sparsest Cut. *Journal of the American Math Soc.*, 2007. (Prelim. version ACM STOC 2005.)
14. S. Arora and S. Kale. A combinatorial, primal-dual approach to semidefinite relaxations. *Proc. ACM STOC*, 2007.
15. S. Arora and B. Chazelle. The thrill is gone? *Comm. ACM*, Aug 2005.

#### **Ph.D. Students**

George Karakostas (McMaster University), Subhash Khot (NYU), Elad Hazan (IBM Almaden), Iannis Tourlakis (U. Toronto, postdoc), Satyen Kale (Microsoft Research, postdoc).