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# ACADEMIC POSITIONS

# Lecturer at **Delft University of Technology**, The Netherlands

2023-present

- Delft Institute of Applied Mathematics.
- Research group Discrete Mathematics and Optimization.
- Teaching several courses in Calculus, Mathematical Analysis and Linear Algebra.

Research and Teaching Assistant at **Tilburg University**, The Netherlands.

2017 - 2023

- Department of Econometrics and Operations Research.
- Working on several research projects as part of my PhD track in Mathematical Optimization.
- Serving as TA in several courses in optimization, operations research, linear algebra and mathematics.

# EDUCATION

# Tilburg University, The Netherlands

2019-2023

- Ph.D. in Mathematical Optimization, Department of Econometrics and Operations Research.
- Supervisor: Prof. dr. ir. Renata Sotirov.
- Supervisor: Prof. dr. Dion Gijswijt.

# Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

2018-2019

- $\bullet$  M.Sc., Research Master in Business: track Operations Research. GPA: 9.6/10 via 60 credits.
- Thesis: Semidefinite Programming for the Quadratic Cycle Cover Problem, grade: 9.5/10.
- Graduated Cum Laude.

# Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

2017-2018

- M.Sc., Business Analytics and Operations Research. GPA: 9.4/10- via 60 credits
- Thesis: Bounds on the Minimum Reload Cycle Cover Problem, grade: 10/10.
- Graduated Cum Laude.

# Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

2014-2017

- B.Sc., Econometrics and Operations Research. GPA: 9.0/10- via 180 credits
- Thesis: Column Generation for the Vehicle Routing Problem with Time Windows, grade: 9.5/10.
- Graduated Cum Laude.

# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mathematical Optimization, Discrete Optimization, Conic Optimization, Semidefinite Programming, Linear Programming, Integer Programming, Graph Theory, Networks, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Quantum Computing, Symmetry Reduction.

# RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

## Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

- "On integrality in semidefinite programming for discrete optimization", with Renata Sotirov. Accepted for publication in SIAM Journal on Optimization, November 2023.
- "Partitioning through projections: Strong SDP bounds for large graph partition problems", coauthored with Renata Sotirov, Angelika Wiegele and Shudian Zhao. *Computers and Operations Research*, 151, March 2023.
- "SDP-based bounds for the Quadratic Cycle Cover Problem via cutting plane augmented Lagrangian methods and reinforcement learning", co-authored with Renata Sotirov. *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, 33(4), 1262–1276, 2021.
  - Winner of INFORMS Meritorious Paper Award 2021
- "The Quadratic Cycle Cover Problem: special cases and efficient bounds", co-authored with Renata Sotirov. *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, 39:1096–1128, 2020.

# Preprints:

- "The Chvátal-Gomory Procedure for Integer SDPs with Applications in Combinatorial Optimization", with Renata Sotirov. September 2023, in third review round for publication in Mathematical Programming.
- "Exploiting Symmetries in Optimal Quantum Circuit Design", with Dion Gijswijt and Renata Sotirov. January 2024, in first review round for publication in INFORMS Journal on Computing.

## Other publications:

• Integrality and Cutting Planes in Semidefinite Programming Approaches for Combinatorial Optimization, Doctoral thesis, TiSEM Dissertation series, CentER, November 2023.

# Work in Progress:

- "Automorphism groups of Cayley graphs generated by general transposition sets", with Dion Gijswijt.
- "On improving semidefinite programming bounds via integer Lagrangian duality", with Renata Sotirov.
- "Integer semidefinite programming for the quadratic minimum spanning tree problem", with Melanie Siebenhofer, Renata Sotirov and Angelika Wiegele.
- "Infinite dimensional linear programming problems and applications to optimal control", with Tyler Weames and Henry Wolkowicz.
- "On improved SDP relaxations for the quadratic traveling salesman problem via cutting planes", single-authored.

# Publications in Non-Refereed Journals:

- "Facial reduction for Semidefinite Programming Problems", single-authored. *Nekst*, Triangle, 28:2, 2019.
- "Bounds on the Minimum Reload Cost Cycle Cover Problem", single-authored. *Nekst*, Practical Report, 27:1, 2018.
- "Recognizing DNA patterns by solving the quadratic traveling salesman problem", single-authored. *Nekst*, Triangle, 29:4, 2021.

# ACADEMIC PRESENTA-TIONS

# Conference Talks:

• European Conference on Operational Research (EURO) 2024, invited minisymposium

Title: To be determined.

Date: June 30-July 3, 2024.

Location: Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Copenhagen, Denmark.

• SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP23), invited minisymposium

Title: Integer semidefinite programming formulations for combinatorial optimization

problems and applications

Date: June 2, 2023.

Location: The Sheraton Grand Seattle, Seattle, WA, USA.

• International Conference on Continuous Optimization 2022 (ICCOPT2022), invited minisymposium

Title: The Chvátal-Gomory procedure for integer SDPs with applications in combinatorial

optimization

Date: July 25, 2022

Location: Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA.

• SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP20), invited minisymposium

Title: Discrete Semidefinite Programming Techniques for the Quadratic Traveling

Salesman Problem

Date: July 21, 2021 Location: Virtual

LNMB Conference 2021

Title: A cutting plane augmented Lagrangian method to solve SDP relaxations of binary

quadratic problems

Date: January 22, 2021

Location: Virtual

#### Seminars:

• Discrete Optimization Seminar, Technische Universität Dortmund, Department of Mathematics

Title: Chvátal-Gomory cuts for integer SDPs with applications in combinatorial

optimization

Date: February 8, 2023

Location: Technische Universität Dortmund, Dortmund, Germany.

• Tutte Colloquium, University of Waterloo, Department of Combinatorics and Optimization

Title: The Chvátal-Gomory procedure for integer SDPs with applications in combinatorial

optimization

Date: May 21, 2022

Location: Virtual

• TU/e seminar on Combinatorial Optimization, Eindhoven University of Technology, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Research Group Statistics, Probability and Operations Research

Title: The Chvátal-Gomory procedure for integer SDPs with applications in combinatorial

optimization

Date: May 13, 2022

Location: Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

Doctoral Seminar, Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt, Department of Mathematics

Title: SDP-based bounds for the Quadratic Cycle Cover Problem via cutting plane

augmented Lagrangian methods and reinforcement learning

Date: June 16, 2021

Location: Virtual

OR Seminar, Tilburg University, Department of Econometrics and Operations Research

Title: SDP-based bounds for the Quadratic Cycle Cover Problem via cutting plane

augmented Lagrangian methods and reinforcement learning

Date: May 20, 2021

Location: Virtual

## Poster Presentations:

• Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO2022)

Title: The Chvátal-Gomory procedure for integer SDPs with applications in combinatorial

optimization

Date: June 27-29, 2022

Location: Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

• CRM/DIMACS Workshop on Mixed-Integer Nonlinear Programming

Title: Semidefinite Programming for the Quadratic Cycle Cover Problem

Date: October 7, 2019

Location: Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal, Montréal, Canada

# RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

# **Attended Workshops:**

• ICCOPT Summer School 2022

Date: July 23-24, 2022

Location: Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA.

• Summer School Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO2022)

Date: June 25-26, 2022

Location: Eindhoven University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

• Mixed Integer Programming Workshop (MIP2021)

Date: May 24-27, 2021.

Location: Virtual

• POEMA Online Workshop 2

Date: October 20, November 26, December 11, 2020.

Location: Virtual

• CRM/DIMACS Workshop on Mixed-Integer Nonlinear Programming

Date: October 7-10, 2019

Location: École Polytechnique de Montréal, Montréal, Canada

# Research Visits:

• University of Waterloo, Department of Combinatorics and Optimization

Period: July 13-22, 2022. Host: Henry Wolkowicz.

 $\bullet\,$  Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt, Department of Mathematics

Period: June 15-18, 2021. Host: Angelika Wiegele.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Calculus I, undergraduate
  - 1st year BA Mechanical and Maritime Engineering, Delft University of Technology.
  - Lecturer: 2023-2024.
- Calculus II, undergraduate
  - 1st year BA Mechanical and Maritime Engineering, Delft University of Technology.
  - Lecturer: 2023-2024.
- Analysis I, undergraduate
  - 1st year BA Aerospace Engineering, Delft University of Technology.
  - Lecturer: 2023-2024.
- $\bullet$  Calculus II for Engineering, undergraduate

- Various pre-master programmes, Delft University of Technology.
- Lecturer: 2023-2024.

# • Linear Algebra I, undergraduate

- 1st year BA Mechanical and Maritime Engineering, 1st year BA Civil Engineering, Delft University of Technology.
- Lecturer: 2023-2024.

#### • Linear Algebra II, undergraduate

- 1st year BA Mechanical and Maritime Engineering, , 1st year BA Civil Engineering, Delft University of Technology.
- Lecturer: 2023-2024.

# • Advanced Linear Algebra, undergraduate

- 2nd year BA Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University.
- TA: 2022-2023.

#### • Linear Algebra, undergraduate

- 1st year BA Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University.
- TA: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023.

# • Operations Research Methods, undergraduate

- 3rd year bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University.
- $\ \mathrm{SA:} \ 2017\text{-}2018, \ 2018\text{-}2019, \ \mathrm{TA:} \ 2019\text{-}2020, \ 2020\text{-}2021, \ 2021\text{-}2022, \ 2022\text{-}2023.$

# • Wiskunde, undergraduate

- 1st year BA Business Economics, BA Fiscal Economics, BA Economics and Business Economics, Tilburg University.
- TA: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022.

# • Combinatorial Optimization, undergraduate

- 1st year BA Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University.
- SA: 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

# • Quantitative Methods in Business and Economics, undergraduate

- 2nd year BA Liberal Arts and Sciences, Tilburg University.
- SA: 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Awards:

Excellent Teacher Award 2022-2023, Course: Advanced Linear Algebra Price awarded by Tilburg School of Economics and Management (TiSEM) to educational personel based on total student evaluation scores.

# • INFORMS Meritorious Paper Award 2021

Price awarded by editor-in-chief of INFORMS Journal on Computing for papers that are recognized as "truly superior in their field".

#### • Jan Brouwer Thesis Award 2019

National prize for the best Master's thesis of the Netherlands in the field Economics awarded by the Royal Dutch Society of Sciences and Humanities (Dutch: Koninklijke Hollandsche Maatschappij der Wetenschappen).

# • Socrates Award 2014

Nominated for prize for the best Dutch student on secondary education in the class of 2014 based on overall GPA.

# **Scholarships:**

- Contract Extension via Excellence PhD Program, 2022-2023 Offered by CentER Graduate School.
- Koopmans Scholarship 2018-2019 Offered by CentER Graduate School.

# SKILLS

Computer: Matlab (advanced), Julia (advanced), Microsoft Excel (advanced), Microsoft Office (advanced), Python (intermediate), Aimms (intermediate), R (intermediate), Arena (intermediate), Stata (intermediate), SQL (intermediate).

Language: Dutch (fluent), English (fluent), German (intermediate).

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

• Member of Socrates Honours Society, 2014-present Society consisting of top 10% students graduated secondary education

• Giving tutorships in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, 2012-2020 Tutor in Physics and Chemistry to secondary education students and tutor in Mathematics to secondary education students and undergraduate university students.

# REFERENCES

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