# Paulius Dilkas

#### Education

2019–2023 **PhD in Robotics and Autonomous Systems**, *University of Edinburgh & Heriot-Watt University*, UK

Thesis: Generalising Weighted Model Counting (Supervisor: Vaishak Belle)

2014–2019 **MSci in Computing Science**, *University of Glasgow*, UK, Honours of the First Class

Research projects:

- o Variational Inference for Inverse Reinforcement Learning with Gaussian Processes
  - Supervisor: Bjørn S. Jensen
- o Algorithm Selection for Maximum Common Subgraph
  - Supervisors: Ciaran McCreesh and Patrick Prosser

# Research Experience

2024-Present Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto, Canada, Supervisor: Kuldeep S. Meel

2024-Present Faculty Affiliate Researcher, Vector Institute, Toronto, Canada

2022–2024 **Research Fellow**, *National University of Singapore*, Supervisor: Kuldeep S. Meel Internships

2019 **Research Engineering Internship**, *University of Glasgow*, UK, Supervisor: Richard McCreadie

Developed a simulation engine for assessing distributed application performance on various cloud configurations.

2018 Nondeterministic Bigraphical Reactive Systems for Markov Decision Processes, *University of Glasgow*, UK, Supervisor: Michele Sevegnani

Extended the BigraphER tool to support Markov decision processes and implemented an interactive interface using Jupyter Notebooks.

2017 Clique-Based Encodings for Graph Edit Distance, *University of Glasgow*, UK, Supervisor: Ciaran McCreesh

Developed novel clique-based encodings for the graph edit distance problem and optimised algorithms for their solution.

# Teaching Experience

#### Supervision

- 2024 Internship Supervisor, National University of Singapore
  - Project 1: Lifting the Unliftable: Combining First-Order and Propositional Model Counting
  - Project 2: A Randomised Algorithm for Weighted First-Order Model Sampling
  - o Students: Harsh Jakhar and Sanskar Shaurya

- 2023 Research Project Supervisor, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India
  - o Project: Combining First-Order and Propositional Model Counting
  - o Students: Ananth K. Kidambi and Guramrit Singh
- 2023 **Internship Supervisor**, *National University of Singapore* 
  - Project: Recursive Functions That Count
  - o Students: Ananth K. Kidambi and Guramrit Singh

#### **Teaching**

- 2019–2022 **Teaching Support**, University of Edinburgh, UK
  - o Discrete Mathematics and Mathematical Reasoning (a 2nd year course)
  - o Informatics Project Proposal (a postgraduate course)
  - Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures (a 2nd year course)
  - Introduction to Computation (a 1st year course)
  - Introduction to Software Engineering (a 2nd year course)
  - Introduction to Theoretical Computer Science (a 3rd year course)
  - Object Oriented Programming (a 1st year course)
- 2017–2019 **Demonstrator**, *University of Glasgow*, UK
  - Artificial Intelligence (a 4th year course)
  - Programming (a 1st year course)
  - Systems Programming (a 3rd year course)
- 2012–2017 **Distance Learning Teacher (Mathematics)**, *National Student Academy*, Lithuania Taught advanced mathematics to gifted 7th and 8th-grade students through distance learning programmes.

### **Papers**

- [1] Jonathan Feldstein, **Paulius Dilkas**, Vaishak Belle, and Efthymia Tsamoura. "Mapping the Neuro-Symbolic Al Landscape by Architectures: A Handbook on Augmenting Deep Learning Through Symbolic Reasoning". In: *CoRR* abs/2410.22077 (2024).
- [2] Ananth K. Kidambi, Guramrit Singh, **Paulius Dilkas**, and Kuldeep S. Meel. "Towards Practical First-Order Model Counting". Submitted. 2024.
- [3] **Paulius Dilkas**. "Generating Random Instances of Weighted Model Counting An Empirical Analysis with Varying Primal Treewidth". In: *CPAIOR*. Vol. 13884. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, 2023, pp. 395–416.
- [4] **Paulius Dilkas** and Vaishak Belle. "Synthesising Recursive Functions for First-Order Model Counting: Challenges, Progress, and Conjectures". In: *KR*. 2023, pp. 198–207.
- [5] Paulius Dilkas and Vaishak Belle. "Weighted Model Counting with Conditional Weights for Bayesian Networks". In: *UAI*. Vol. 161. Proceedings of Machine Learning Research. AUAI Press, 2021, pp. 386–396.
- [6] Paulius Dilkas and Vaishak Belle. "Weighted Model Counting Without Parameter Variables". In: SAT. Vol. 12831. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, 2021, pp. 134–151.
- [7] **Paulius Dilkas** and Vaishak Belle. "Generating Random Logic Programs Using Constraint Programming". In: *CP*. Vol. 12333. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, 2020, pp. 828–845.

#### Presentations

#### **Plenary**

2023 **Model Counting: Logic, Probability, Combinatorics, and Recursion**, *Meeting of Early Career Mathematicians*, Vilnius, Lithuania

#### Invited

- 2023 **Synthesising Recursive Functions for First-Order Model Counting**, *Computer Science Research Institute of Lens*, France
- 2023 **Synthesising Recursive Functions for First-Order Model Counting**, *The Declarative Languages and Al Section of Computer Science, KU Leuven*, Belgium
- 2020 **Generating Random Logic Programs Using Constraint Programming**, Formal Analysis, Theory and Algorithms Research Section, University of Glasgow, UK

#### Workshop

- 2022 Generating Random Weighted Model Counting Instances: An Empirical Analysis with Varying Primal Treewidth, Workshop on Counting and Sampling, Haifa, Israel
- 2022 Recursive Solutions to First-Order Model Counting, Workshop on Counting and Sampling, Haifa, Israel
- 2021 **Generating Random Logic Programs Using Constraint Programming**, *Third International Workshop on Formal Methods in AI*, Online
- 2019 Maximum Common Subgraph: Algorithms and Algorithm Portfolios, Meeting of Early Career Mathematicians, Kaunas, Lithuania

# Major Awards

- 2023 Best UAI Reviewers
- 2019 EPSRC CDT Scholarship in Robotics and Autonomous Systems

#### Professional Service

#### Co-organising

- 2024 International Workshop on Counting, Sampling, and Synthesis, Pune, India
- 2023–2024 AlgoTheory Seminar, National University of Singapore

#### Reviewing

- 2023-Present Reviewer, AIJ 2023, IJCAR 2024, JAIR 2023-24, KR 2023
- 2021-Present Program Committee Member, AAAI 2023-25, ECAI 2024, UAI 2021-24

#### Miscellaneous

2023 Session Chair, CPAIOR, Nice, France