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1 Research Contributions

My field of research is the theory of computation. I have worked mostly on a variety of subjects related to **randomized computations** (e.g., *pseudorandom generators*, *probabilistic proof systems*, and *property testing*) and to **cryptography** (e.g., *zero-knowledge* and *secure multi-party computation*). These areas are somewhat overlapping; for example, pseudorandomness and zero-knowledge are relevant both to randomized computations and to cryptography. Some of my contributions to these areas are

- Showing how to construct zero-knowledge proof systems for any language in NP, using any commitment scheme [26].
- Showing how to solve any multi-party protocol problem, using any trapdoor permutation [28].
- Presenting a generic hardcore predicate for any one-way function [39].
- Showing how to construct pseudorandom functions from any pseudorandom generators [10].
- Constructing small sample spaces (e.g., [51]) and randomness extractors (e.g., [19]).
- Advancing the study of probabilistically checkable proofs (e.g., by the introduction of the Long-Code [72]).
- Initiating a systematic study of property testing [75], and advancing its development in subsequent works (e.g., [80]).
- Studying various and numerous aspects of pseudorandomness, zero-knowledge proofs, interactive proofs, and probabilistically checkable proofs (PCPs).

I also have research experience in the area of **distributed computing** and in other areas of the theory of computation.

Works and Publications

A full list of all my research articles and monographs follows. An annotated list is available from my webpage (see <http://www.wisdom.weizmann.ac.il/~oded/pub.html>).

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2 Expository Contributions

In my opinion, the generation of scientific knowledge is of little value if not coupled with the effective dissemination of this knowledge. This calls not only for clear exposition of research contributions but also for the presentation of wider perspectives in surveys, lecture notes and books. In view of these opinions, I am devoting significant portions of my time to the writing of such expositions.

2.1 Books and Lecture Notes

The distinction below is between complete texts that were carefully written and partial texts (which in some cases were written rather casually).

Books (partial preliminary drafts are available from my web-page):

- [B1] Modern Cryptography, Probabilistic Proofs and Pseudorandomness, Volume 17 of the Algorithms and Combinatorics series of *Springer*, 1998.

The interplay between randomness and computation is one of the most fascinating scientific phenomena uncovered in the last couple of decades. This interplay is at the heart of modern cryptography and plays a fundamental role in complexity theory at large. Specifically, the interplay of randomness and computation is pivotal to several intriguing notions of probabilistic proof systems and is the focal of the computational approach to randomness. This book provides an introduction to these three, somewhat interwoven domains.

- [B2] Foundations of Cryptography – Basic Tools, *Cambridge University Press*, 2001.

This is the first volume of a two-volume work aimed at presenting firm foundations for cryptography; that is, presenting the paradigms, approaches and techniques used to conceptualize, define and provide solutions to natural “security concerns” as well as some of the fundamental results obtained using them. The emphasis is on the clarification of fundamental concepts and on demonstrating the feasibility of solving several central cryptographic problems. This volume focuses on computational difficulty (i.e., one-way functions), pseudorandom generators and zero-knowledge proofs.

- [B3] Foundations of Cryptography – Basic Applications, *Cambridge University Press*, 2004.

This is the second volume of a two-volume work aimed at presenting firm foundations for cryptography. In continuation to [B2], this volume treats encryption schemes, signature schemes and general cryptographic protocols. Significant portions of this volume provide expositions that were not published (in any form) before.

- [B4] Computational Complexity – A Conceptual Perspective, *Cambridge University Press*, 2008.

This book is rooted in the thesis that complexity theory is extremely rich in conceptual content, and that this contents should be explicitly communicated in expositions and courses on the subject. It focuses on several sub-areas of complexity theory, starting from the intuitive questions addresses by the sub-area. The exposition discusses the fundamental importance of these questions, the choices made in the actual formulation of these questions and notions, the approaches that underly the answers, and the ideas that are embedded in these answers.

- [B5] P, NP, and NP-Completeness: The Basics of Complexity Theory, *Cambridge University Press*, 2010.

The focus of this book is on the P-vs-NP Question, which is the most fundamental question of computer science, and on the theory of NP-completeness, which is its most influential theoretical discovery. The book also provides adequate preliminaries regarding computational problems and computational models.

[B6] *A Primer on Pseudorandom Generators*, *ULECT series* (Nr. 55), *AMS*, 2010.

This book surveys the (complexity-based) theory of pseudorandomness, which emerges from the postulate that a distribution is pseudorandom if it cannot be told apart from the uniform distribution by any efficient procedure.

Lecture Notes (mostly available from my web-page):

[N7] “Foundations of Cryptography – Class Notes”, Computer Science Dept., Technion, Spring 1989, 184 pages.

(Written by students attending my course. Superseded by [B2] and [B3].)

[N8] “Theory of Computation”, Computer Science Dept., Technion, Spring 1989, 184 pages, in Hebrew. (Third edition: Feb. 1992.)

(Undergraduate textbook in Hebrew. Available from my web-page.)

[N9] “Foundations of Cryptography – Fragments of a Book”, Department of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, Weizmann Institute of Science, February 1995, 292 pages.

(A very preliminary draft of [B2]. Available from my web-page.)

[N10] “Introduction to Complexity Theory – Lecture Notes” (for a two-semester course), Department of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, Weizmann Institute of Science, July 1999, 353 pages.

(Written by students attending my course. Most of the material is presented better in [B12]. Available from my web-page.)

[N11] “Randomized Methods in Computation – Lecture Notes”, Department of Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, Weizmann Institute of Science, July 2001, 155 pages.

(Written by students attending my course. The course focused on some of the randomized methods being employed in the study of computation. Available from my web-page.)

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(Covers less than [B10] and superseded by [B4]. Available from my web-page.)

2.2 Survey articles

Most of the following surveys attempt to provide high-level presentation of research areas whereas others provide more technical exposition of a single problem or even a single work.

High-level surveys of areas:

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- [S2] “What is an Envelope”, *Almost 2000* (a popular journal for Science and Technology), Vol. 1, pp. 15–17, 1994, (in Hebrew).
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A preliminary version has appeared in two parts. Part 1 in *Sigact News – Complexity Theory Column 3*, Vol. 24, No. 4, December 1993, pp. 2–13. Part 2 in *Sigact News – Complexity Theory Column 4*, Vol. 25, No. 1, March 1994, pp. 22–30.
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- [S8] “Pseudorandomness”, in *Notices of AMS*, pages 1209–1216, November 1999.
Extended version in the *Proc. of 27th ICALP*, Springer LNCS, Vol. 1853, pages 687–704, 2000.
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- [S10] “Pseudorandomness – Part I”, in *IAS/Park City Mathematics Series*, Vol. 10, 2000.
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- [S12] “Cryptography and Cryptographic Protocols”, in *PODC Jubilee Issue of Distributed Computing*, Vol. 16, No. 2–3, pages 177–199, 2003.
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Superseeds a prior version in *ECCC*, TR05-014, January 2005.
- [S14] “Foundations of Cryptography – A Primer”, in *Foundations and Trends in Theoretical Computer Science*, Volume 1, Issue 1, 2005.

- [S15] “On Promise Problems – A Survey”, in *Theoretical Computer Science: Essays in Memory of Shimon Even*, Festschrift series of Springer’s LNCS (as Vol 3895), pages 254–290, March 2006.
- [S16] “Randomness and Computation”, in *Handbook of Probability Theory with Applications*, Sage Publishers, 2008.
- [S17] “Computational Complexity” (with A. Wigderson), in *The Princeton Companion to Mathematics*, Princeton University Press, 2008.
- [S18] “Probabilistic Proof Systems – A Primer”, in *Foundations and Trends in Theoretical Computer Science*, Volume 3, Issue 1, 2007.
- [S19] “Introduction to Testing Graph Properties”, in *Property Testing*, Springer’s LNCS, Vol 6390, 2010.
- [S20] “A Brief Introduction to Property Testing”, in *Property Testing*, Springer’s LNCS, Vol 6390, 2010.
- [S21] “On the complexity of computational problems regarding distributions” (with S. Vadhan), ECCC, TR11-004.
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Technical surveys of single topics:

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3 Graduate Student Supervision

3.1 Graduate students who completed D.Sc./Ph.D.

- D1** Hugo Krawczyk. *Pseudorandomness and Computational Difficulty*, Technion, Feb. 1990.

The thesis contains an improved algorithm for inferring general congruential generators; a novel construction of pseudorandom generators; investigations concerning the existence of

sparse pseudorandom distributions; and results on the parallel and sequential composition of zero-knowledge protocols.

Hugo is a research scientist at IBM Research Division, Hawthorne, NJ, USA.

- D2** Amir Herzberg. *Communication Networks in the Presence of Faults*, Technion, March 1991. Co-supervised by A. Segall.

The thesis contains works on the emulation of synchronous networks in the presence of faults; detecting errors in end-to-end communication; and introducing a quantitative approach to dynamic networks.

Amir is a faculty member of the Computer Science Department of Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

- D3** Ran Canetti. *Studies in Secure Multi-Party Computation with Applications*, Weizmann Institute of Science, June 1995.

The thesis includes comprehensive studies of Asynchronous Secure Computation and Dynamic Security; a Byzantine Agreement protocol with optimal resiliency; and practical schemes for Proactive Security.

Ran is a faculty member of the Computer Science Department of Tel-Aviv University (Israel) and Boston University (US).

- D4** Erez Petrank. *Knowledge Complexity versus Computational Complexity and the Hardness of Approximations*, Technion, May 1995.

The thesis includes a upper bound on the computational complexity of languages with logarithmic knowledge complexity; and a study of the Gap Location in Non-Approximability results.

Erez is a faculty member in the Computer Science Department at the Technion, Israel.

- D5** Yehuda Lindell. *On the Composition of Secure Multi-Party Protocols*, Weizmann Institute of Science, July 2002. Co-supervised by M. Naor.

The thesis includes a comprehensive study of the preservation of the security of two-party and multi-party protocols under concurrent composition with and without fair termination requirements.

Yehuda is a faculty member in the Computer Science Department at Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

- D6** Alon Rosen. *The Round-Complexity of Black-Box Concurrent Zero-Knowledge*, Weizmann Institute of Science, June 2003. Co-supervised by M. Naor.

The thesis provides matching lower and upper bounds on the round-complexity of concurrent zero-knowledge with respect to black-box simulations.

Alon is a faculty member in the Computer Science Department at the Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center, Israel.

- D7** Boaz Barak. *Non-Black-Box Techniques in Cryptography*, Weizmann Institute of Science, January 2004.

The thesis demonstrates the power of non-black-box techniques. In particular, it contains zero-knowledge protocols that are proven zero-knowledge via non-black-box simulators, and have several features known to be unachievable via black-box simulators.

Boaz is a research scientist at Microsoft Research New England.

- D8** Noam Livne. *From Computational Complexity to Cryptography and to Game Theory*, Weizmann Institute of Science, August 2010. Co-supervised by A. Rosen.

The thesis contains a method of coupling NP-complete problems with simple distributions (i.e., P-computable distributions) such that the resulting distributional problem is DistNP-complete.

- D9** Or Meir. *Combinatorial Constructions of Probabilistic Proof Systems*, Weizmann Institute of Science, June 2011.

The thesis provides alternative proofs for several key results regarding probabilistic proof systems, while significantly reducing the reliance of obscure algebraic techniques.

3.2 Graduate students working towards Ph.D.

- D10** Ron Rothblum. Interested in Cryptography.

- D11** Tom Gur. Interested in Property Testing.

3.3 Graduate students who completed M.Sc.

- M1** Ronen Vainish. *Improvements in a General Method for Constructing Cryptographic Protocols*, Technion, May 1988. (The thesis improves the efficiency of the automatic generator of fault-tolerant protocols presented by Goldreich, Micali and Wigderson.)

- M2** Eyal Kushilevitz. *Perfect Zero-Knowledge Proofs*, Technion, March 1989. (The thesis presents a perfect zero-knowledge proof for a problem which is computationally equivalent to computing Discrete Logarithm.) [Eyal is a Professor of Computer Science at the Technion, Israel.]

- M3** Tziporet Koren. *On the Construction of Pseudorandom Block Ciphers*, Technion, May 1989. (The thesis presents a proof for a theorem concerning pseudorandom permutation generators, stated but not proven by Luby and Rackoff.)

- M4** Guy Even. *Construction of Small Probability Spaces for Deterministic Simulation*, Technion, Aug. 1991. (The thesis generalizes the definition and a construction of (k, ϵ) -distributions from the binary case to the p -ary case, where p is a prime power.) [Guy is a faculty member of the EE Department at Tel-Aviv University, Israel.]

- M5** Erez Petrank. *Quantifying Knowledge Complexity*, Technion, Dec. 1991. (The thesis presents and investigates various definitions of knowledge complexity.) See [D4].

- M6** Ran Canetti. *Quantitative Tradeoffs between Randomness and Communication Complexity*, Technion, Jan. 1992. (The thesis presents trade-off between randomness and communication in the context of communication complexity.) See [D3].

- M7** Dror Sneh. *The Complexity of Global Computation in the Presence of Link Failures*, Technion, June 1992. (The thesis presents lower bounds on the message complexity of distributed computation in the presence of unidirectional link failures.)

- M8 Ariel Kahan. *Constant-Round Zero-Knowledge Proofs*, Technion, Oct. 1992. (The thesis presents constant-round zero-knowledge proof systems for any language in NP, using clawfree permutation pairs.)
- M9 Vered Rosen. *On the Security of Modular Exponentiation*, Weizmann Institute of Science, May 2000. (The thesis presents a study of the indistinguishability of modular exponentiation with random half-sized exponents versus random full-sized exponents.)
- M10 Yoad Lustig. *Security Criteria for Public-Key Encryption*, Weizmann Institute of Science, October 2001. (The thesis consists of a study of semantic-security type definitions for chosen-ciphertext attacks as well as of definitions that refer to the security of multiple ciphertext in an adaptive setting.)
- M11 Iftach Haitner. *Implementing Oblivious Transfer using Collection of Dense Trapdoor Permutations*, Weizmann Institute of Science, January 2004. (The thesis presents such a protocol using any collection of dense trapdoor permutations rather than a collection of enhanced trapdoor permutations.) [Iftach is a faculty member of the Computer Science Department at Tel-Aviv University, Israel.]
- M12 Or Sheffet. *Reducing the Randomness Complexity of Property Testing, with an Emphasis on Testing Bipartiteness*, Weizmann Institute of Science, December 2006. (The thesis studies the randomness-complexity of property testing presenting both general existential bounds and specific efficient algorithms for the case of Bipartiteness.)
- M13 Gilad Tsur. *Polylogarithmic Time and Query Complexity*, Weizmann Institute of Science, January 2007. (The thesis re-discovers and studies various classes of polylogarithmic time complexity.)
- M14 Kfir Barhum. *Approximating Averages of Geometrical and Combinatorial Quantities*, Weizmann Institute of Science, February 2007. (The thesis presents fast algorithms for approximating the average distance between pairs of points in a Euclidean space and the average degree in a uniform hypergraph.)
- M15 Or Meir. *Combinatorial Construction of Locally Testable Codes*, Weizmann Institute of Science, October 2007. (The thesis presents a new construction of LTCs that is purely combinatorial, does not rely on PCP machinery, and matches the parameters of the previously known construction.) See [D9].
- M16 Yoav Tzur. *Notions of Weak Pseudorandomness and $GF(2^n)$ -Polynomials*, Weizmann Institute of Science, October 2009. (The thesis studies the power and limitations of constructions of pseudorandom generators based on polynomial maps over the field $GF(2^n)$.)
- M17 Lidor Avigad. *On the lowest level of query complexity in testing graph properties*, Weizmann Institute of Science, December 2009. (The thesis presents an optimal non-adaptive tester for the property of being a blow-up of a fixed graph.)
- M18 Ron Rothblum. *On Homomorphic Encryption and Enhanced Trapdoor Permutations*, Weizmann Institute of Science, September 2010. (The thesis presents two independent studies of two remotely related advanced cryptographic primitives.) See [D10].
- M19 Aviv Reznik. *Finding k -paths in cycle-free graph*, Weizmann Institute of Science, December 2011. (The thesis presents an efficient algorithm for the cycle-free case.)

3.4 Mentoring

- (1) Yair Oren. Technion, 1986–88. Research regarding definitions and properties of zero-knowledge proof systems.
- (2) Yishay Mansour. Technion, 1986/87. Research regarding completeness and soundness errors in interactive proof systems. [Yishay is a Professor of Computer Science at Tel-Aviv University, Israel.]
- (3) Shai Halevi. MIT, 1996/97. Research towards lattice-based cryptography. [Shai is a research scientist at IBM Research Division, Hawthorne, NJ, USA.]
- (4) Salil Vadhan. MIT, 1997–99. Research regarding Statistical Zero-Knowledge, Pseudorandomness, and Randomness Extractors. [Salil is a Professor of Computer Science at Harvard University.]
- (5) Amit Sahai. MIT, 1997/98. Research regarding Statistical Zero-Knowledge. [Amit is an Associate Professor at UCLA.]

4 Postdoctoral fellows hosted

- P1** Leonard (Yehuda) Schulman. Weizmann Institute of Science, 1994/5. Leonard is a Professor of Computer Science at the California Institute of Technology.
- P2** Ronen Shaltiel. Weizmann Institute of Science, 2001–04. Ronen is a faculty member of the Department of Computer Science of Haifa University.
- P3** Sofya Raskhodnikova. Weizmann Institute of Science, 2004–06. Sofya is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at the Pennsylvania State University.
- P4** Benny Applebaum. Weizmann Institute of Science, 2009/10. Benny is a faculty member of the EE Department at Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- P5** Tali Kaufman. Weizmann Institute of Science, 2009/10. Tali is a faculty member of the Department of Computer Science of Bar-Ilan University.

5 Teaching Experience

5.1 Undergraduate Courses

(All in the Computer Science Dept., Technion, Israel):

- *Introduction to Programming* (sessions): 1981.
- *Discrete Mathematics*: 1983.
- *Graph Algorithms*: 1989.
- *Automata and Formal Languages*: 1986.
- *Theory of Computation*: 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993.

5.2 Graduate Courses

(All courses till 1993 – at the Technion, rest at the Weizmann):

- **Complexity Theory**

- A yearly supervised-reading introductory course: 2012-13
- A yearly introductory course: 1999-2000, 2005-06, 2007-08, and 2009-10.
- A single-semester introductory course: 1991 and 2002.
- Advanced topics: 1994.

- **Cryptography**

- *Foundations of Cryptography* – supervised reading format: 2010-11
- *Foundations of Cryptography* – two-semester format: 2004-05 and 2008-09.
- *Foundations of Cryptography* – single-semester format: 1988, 1989, 1992, 2000, and 2002.
- *Introduction to Cryptography*: 1994.
- *Advanced Topics in Cryptography*: 1990 and 2001.

- *Probabilistic Methods in Complexity Theory*: 1991, 1993, and 2001.

- *Advanced Topics in Theoretical Computer Science*: 1986, 1988, and 1993.

- *Algebraic Complexity of Computation* (sessions): 1983.

5.3 Short Courses and Lecture Series

- *Pseudorandomness*, lecture series at the IAS/Park City Mathematics Institute summer school, 2000.
- *Zero-knowledge*, tutorial at the 43rd FOCS, 2002.

6 Positions

(The items in this section as well as in subsequent ones are listed in reversed chronological order.)

Sept. 2011 – Aug. 2012: Visiting scholar, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ.

Sept. 2003 – June 2004: Fellow of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.

Since November 1998: The Meyer W. Weisgal Professorial Chair, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel.

July 1995 – June 1998: Visiting Scientist, Laboratory for Computer Science, M.I.T, USA.

Since October 1995: Full Professor, Computer Science and Applied Mathematics Department, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel.

March 1994 – Sept. 1995: Associate Professor (with tenure), Computer Science and Applied Mathematics Department, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel.

July 1988 – Feb. 1994: Associate Professor (with tenure), Computer Science Department, Technion, Israel.

Jan. 1986 – June 1988: Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Computer Science Department, Technion, Israel.

Feb. 1985 – Sept. 1986: Post-Doctoral Associate, Laboratory for Computer Science, M.I.T, USA.

July 1983 – Sept. 1984: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Laboratory for Computer Science, M.I.T, USA.

Oct. 1983 – Dec. 1985: Lecturer, Computer Science Department, Technion, Israel.

Oct. 1980 – Sept. 1983: Teaching Assistant, Computer Science Department, Technion, Israel.

7 Fellowships and Honors

- *Fellow of the International Association for Cryptologic Research*, 2009.
- Member of the *TCS Chair Professor Team*, Tsinghua University, since 2007.
- *RSA Conference 2006 Award for Excellence in the Field of Mathematics*.
- *Fellow of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study*, Harvard University, 2003-04.
- *Corresponding Fellow of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities*, since 2003.
- *Visiting Miller Research Professor*, Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science of the University of California at Berkeley, USA, 1996.
- *IBM Post-Doctoral Fellowship*, 1986.
- *Weizmann Post-Doctoral Fellowship*, 1983-84 and 1985.
- *Gutwirth Scholarship Award for Excellent Doctoral Student*, 1982, Technion, Haifa, Israel.
- *Gutwirth Scholarship Award for Excellent Master Student*, 1981, Technion, Haifa, Israel.
- *President's Undergraduate List of Excellence*, 1978-79, Technion, Haifa, Israel.
- *Chairman's Undergraduate List of Excellence*, 1977-78 and 1979-80, Computer Science Dept., Technion, Haifa, Israel.

8 Short Visits

October 2008: iTCS, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

April 2006: FIT, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

September 2002: Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton, NJ, USA.

August 2000: Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton, NJ, USA.

October 1996: Mathematical Sciences Department of IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NJ, USA.

August – September 1996: Computer Science Department of the University of California at Berkeley, USA.

September 1994: Basic Research in Computer Science (BRICS), Center of Danish National Research Foundation, Aarhus, Denmark.

July 1994: Network Architecture and Algorithms Group, Department of Communication Systems, Computer Science, IBM Research Division, Hawthorne, NJ, USA.

August 1993: International Computer Science Institute (ICSI), Berkeley, USA.

July 1993: Network Architecture and Algorithms Group, Department of Communication Systems, Computer Science, IBM Research Division, Hawthorne, NJ, USA.

August – September 1991: International Computer Science Institute (ICSI), Berkeley, USA.

August 1989: International Computer Science Institute (ICSI), Berkeley, USA.

July 1988: International Computer Science Institute (ICSI), Berkeley, USA.

July – August 1987: Laboratory for Computer Science, MIT, USA.

July 1982: Electronic Research Lab., UC-Berkeley, USA.

9 Special Invitations

9.1 Invited Speaker at Conferences

- Invited speaker at the *14th Intl. Workshop on Randomization and Computation - RANDOM*, September 2010, BARCELONA, SPAIN. Talk's title "Some Thoughts regarding Unconditional Derandomization".
- Invited speaker at the mini-symposium on Mathematical Cryptology in the *5th European Congress of Mathematics*, July 2008, AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS. Talk's title "The Bright Side of Hardness".
- Invited speaker at the *27th International Colloquium on Automata Languages and Programming (ICALP'00)*, July 2000, GENÈVE, SWISS. Talk's title "Pseudorandomness".
- Invited speaker at *Crypto97*, August 1997, SANTA BARBARA, USA. Talk's title "The Foundations of Modern Cryptography".
- Invited speaker at the *14th Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS97)*, February/March 1997, LÜBECK, GERMANY. Talk's title "Probabilistic Proof Systems".
- Invited speaker at the *International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM94)*, August 1994, ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND. Talk's title "Probabilistic Proof Systems".
- Invited speaker at the *Israel Mathematical Union annual meeting*, April 1994, BEER-SHEVA, ISRAEL. Talk's title "Probabilistic Proof Systems".

- Invited speaker at the *4th SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics*, June 1988, SAN FRANCISCO, USA. Talk's title "Zero-Knowledge Proofs: Proofs that Yield Nothing But their Validity".
- Invited speaker at the *17th European Meeting of Statisticians*, August 1987, THESSALONIKI, GREECE. Talk's title "Proofs, Knowledge and Coin Tosses".

9.2 Participation in Workshops (by invitation)

- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 2012, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Sublinear Algorithms*, May 2011, BERTINORO, ITALY. Talk given "Finding Cycles and Trees in Sublinear Time".
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 2009, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Sublinear Algorithms*, August 2008, DAGSTUHL, GERMANY.
- *Workshop on Cryptography*, September 2007, DAGSTUHL, GERMANY.
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, June 2007, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Randomness and Complexity*, July 2006, BRISTOL, ENGLAND. Talk given "Pseudorandomness (an overview)".
- *Workshop on Sublinear Algorithms*, July 2005, DAGSTUHL, GERMANY. Talk given "Contemplations on testing graph properties".
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, June 2005, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, May 2003, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 2000, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *DIMACS Workshop on Sublinear Algorithms*, September 2000, PRINCETON, USA. Talk given "An Introduction to Property Testing".
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 1998, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Fields Institute Workshop on Interactive Proofs, PCP's and Fundamentals of Cryptography*, May 1998, TORONTO, CANADA. Talk given "Combinatorial Property Testing (a survey)".
- *DIMACS Workshop on Randomization Methods in Algorithm Design*, December 1997, PRINCETON, USA. Talk given "Combinatorial Property Testing (a survey)".
- *Workshop on Cryptography*, September 1997, DAGSTUHL, GERMANY. Work presented "On the Limits of Non-Approximability of Lattice Problems".
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 1996, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Randomized Algorithms and Computation*, December 1995, BERKELEY, USA. Work presented "Non-Approximability Results for MAX SNP – Towards Tight Results".
- *Workshop on Cryptography*, September 1995, LUMINY, FRANCE. Work presented "Information Theory versus Complexity Theory: another Test Case".

- *Weizmann Workshop on Randomness and Computation*, January 1995, REHOVOT, ISRAEL. (Co-organizer)
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 1994, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. Work presented “Knowledge Complexity”.
- *Mini-workshop on Proof Verification and Approximation Algorithms*, March 1994, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY.
- *Weizmann Workshop on Probabilistic Proof Systems and Cryptography, Program Checking and Approximation Problems*, January 1994, REHOVOT, ISRAEL. Work presented “Tiny Families of Functions with Random Properties”.
- *Workshop on Cryptography*, September 1993, DAGSTUHL, GERMANY. Work presented “Using Error-Correcting Codes to Enhance the Security of Signature Schemes or Security in Theory and Practice”.
- *Workshop on Complexity Theory*, November 1992, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY. Work presented “Towards a Computational Theory of Statistical Tests”.
- *Workshop on Cryptography*, September 1989, OBERWOLFACH, W. GERMANY. Works presented “A Note on Computational Indistinguishability” and “A Uniform Complexity Treatment of Encryption and Zero-Knowledge”.
- *Workshop on Mathematical Methods in VLSI and Distributed Computing*, November 1987, OBERWOLFACH, W. GERMANY. Work presented “How to Solve any Protocol Problem”.
- *Workshop on Algorithms, Randomness and Complexity*, March 1986, LUMINY, FRANCE. Work presented “Unbiased Bits from Sources of Weak Randomness and Probabilistic Communication Complexity”.
- *AMS Conference on Computational Number Theory*, August 1985, ARCETA, USA.
- *Workshop on Cryptography*, June 1985, MIT – ENDICOTT HOUSE, MASSACHUSETTS, USA. Work presented “Unbiased Bits from Weak Sources of Randomness”.

9.3 Speaker in Special Colloquiums

- Invited speaker at the *China Theory Week*, July 2013, Aarhus, Denmark. Talk’s title “Property Testing: Sublinear-Time Approximate Decision”.
- Invited speaker at the BIT’s *conference in honour of Joachim von zur Gathen’s 60th birthday*, May 2010, BONN, GERMANY. Talk’s title “General Cryptographic Protocols: A Brief Survey”.
- Invited speaker at the Technion’s *Shimon Even Memorial Lecture*, May 2008, HAIFA, ISRAEL. Talk’s title “Probabilistic Proof Systems”.
- Invited speaker at the *NYC Theory Day*, November 2003, NEW YORK, USA. Talk’s title “On the Implementation of Huge Random Objects”.

- Invited speaker at the *One-Day Colloquium in Honor of Shimon Even's 60th Birthday*, June 1995, HAIFA, ISRAEL. Talk's title "Free bits in PCPs and non-approximability – Towards tight results".
- Invited speaker at *Israeli Theory Seminar in Computer Science*, May 1991, TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL. Talk's title "Fault-tolerant Computation in the Full Information Model".
- Invited speaker at *Israeli Theory Seminar in Computer Science*, January 1989, TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL. Talk's title "A Hard-Core Predicate for any One-Way Function".
- Invited speaker at *Israeli Theory Seminar in Computer Science*, November 1986, TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL. Talk's title "Proofs which Yield Nothing But their Validity or All NP Languages Have Zero-Knowledge Proofs".
- Invited speaker at the *Columbia 9th Theory Day*, September 1986, NEW YORK, USA. Talk's title "Proofs which Yield Nothing But their Validity or All NP Languages Have Zero-Knowledge Proofs".

10 Service on Departmental and Institutional Committees

All at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

2008–11: Representative of the Institute's Scientific Council on the *Inter-Senate Committee (ISC) of the Universities for Protection of Academic Independence*.

2008–10: Member of the Institute's Library Committee.

2004–07: Member of the Institute's Services Committee.

1999–2001 and 2007–10: Member of the Institute's Hiring Committee.

2001–03 and 2013–: Head of the Department's Hiring Committee.

1999–2003 and 2009–10: Member of the Department's Hiring Committee.

11 Public Professional Activities

11.1 Organization of Conferences and Workshops

Organization of Workshops:

- Organizer of the *Visions of Cryptography workshop*, December 2013, REHOVOT, ISRAEL.
- Co-organizer of the *Complexity Theory Meeting*, November 1996, November 1998, November 2000, April 2003, June 2005, June 2007, November 2009, and November 2012, OBERWOLFACH, GERMANY.
- Organizer of the *ITCS mini-Workshop on Property Testing*, January 2010, BEIJING, CHINA.
- Co-organizer of the *Weizmann Workshop on Randomness and Computation*, January 1995, REHOVOT, ISRAEL.

Service on Steering Committees of Conferences:

- Member of the Steering Committee of the *Innovations in Computer Science* (ICS), since being founded (in 2009).
- Member of the Steering Committee of the *Theory of Cryptography Conference* (TCC), since being founded (in 2003) till 2013.
Chair 2005–2013.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the *International Workshop on Randomization and Computation* (RANDOM), since the late 1990's.

Service on Program Committees of Conferences:

- Member of the Program Committee for *STOC90*, *FOCS94*, *FOCS99* and *FOCS04*.
- Member of the Program Committee for *Crypto85*, *Crypto88* and *Crypto92*.
- Member of the Program Committee for *Complexity03* and *Complexity09*.
- Member of the Program Committee for *PODC97*.
- Chairman of the Program Committee for the *2nd Israel Symp. on the Theory of Computing and Systems* (ISTCS), 1993.

11.2 Editorial and Refereeing Work

Editor of books or proceedings:

- Editor of the book *Property Testing*, Springer's LNCS, Vol 6390 (series "LNCS State-of-the-Art Surveys"), 2010.
- Co-editor of the book *Theoretical Computer Science: Essays in Memory of Shimon Even*, Festschrift series of Springer's LNCS, Vol 3895, March 2006.
- Editor of the proceedings of the *2nd Israel Symp. on the Theory of Computing and Systems* (ISTCS), IEEE Computer Society Press, 1993.
Published a report on the conference in *SIGACT News*, Vol. 24, Nr. 3, October 1993.

Editor of journals and electronic depositories:

- Since being founded (in 2004): Member of the editorial board of Now's *Foundations and Trends in Theoretical Computer Science*.
- Since May 2003: Associate Editor of *Computational Complexity*.
Editor of special issues on *Worst-Case Versus Average-Case Complexity* (together with Salil Vadhan, Vol. 16, Nr. 4, 2007), *Random'06* (Vol. 17, Nr. 1, 2008), and *Random'09* (together with Salil Vadhan, Vol. 21, Nr. 1, 2012).
- Since Aug. 1999: On the advisory board of the Springer book series *Information Security & Cryptography*.

- 1996-2010: Member of the editorial board of *SIAM Journal on Computing*.
Co-editor (together with Madhu Sudan) of special issue on *Randomness and Complexity* (Vol. 36-4, 2006).
- Since being founded (in 1994): Member of the editorial board of the *Electronic Colloquium on Computational Complexity (ECCC)*, <http://www.eccc.uni-trier.de/eccc/>.
- 1992-2011: Member of the editorial board of *Journal of Cryptology*.
Editor of special issues on *General Secure Multi-Party Computation* (Winter 2000) and *Encryption in the Bounded Storage Model* (Winter 2004).

Reviews and Refereeing:

- Wrote a Featured Review for *Mathematical Reviews*, [99d:68077ab], April 1999.
- Refereed numerous papers for many scientific journals including *JACM*, *SIAM Journal on Computing*, *Algorithmica*, *Combinatorica*, *JCSS*, *Journal of Algorithms*, *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, *Information and Computation*, *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics*, *Computational Complexity*, *Random Structures and Algorithms*, *Journal of Cryptography*, *Journal of Complexity*, *IPL*, *Mathematical Systems Theory*, *ACM Computing Surveys*.
- Refereed numerous papers for several conferences including many of the *STOC*, *FOCS*, *ICALP* conferences.

11.3 Opinion articles

The following non-technical publications address various aspects of the relevant research community and are viewed as service to that community.

- An essay titled “On Struggle and Competition in Scientific Fields” was published in *SIGACT News*, Vol. 43, Nr. 1, March 2012.
- An essay titled “On the status of intellectual values in TOC” (reporting a sociological study and presenting opinions), Nov 2011.
See also the related essay titled “On Intellectual and Instrumental Values in Science”, April 2012. Published in *SIGACT News*, Vol. 43, Nr. 2, June 2012.
- An essay titled “On our Duties as Scientists” was published in *SIGACT News*, Vol. 40, Nr. 3, September 2009.
- An educational article “On Teaching the Basics of Complexity Theory” in *Essays in Theoretical Computer Science in Memory of Shimon Even*, pages 348-374, 2006.
- A white-paper (co-authored by Avi Wigderson) promoting a wide scientific perspective on the Theory of Computation.
See extended Abstract in *SIGACT News*, Vol. 28, 1997.
- An article addressing the sociological state of Theoretical Computer Science was published in *SIGACT News*, Vol. 23, Nr. 1, January 1992 (titled “Critique of some Trends in the TCS Community in Light of Two Controversies”).

12 Research Grants

12.1 Past

- *Israel Science Foundation (ISF)*, Jerusalem, Israel.
Grant No. 1041/08, 2008-11. Project: “Randomness and Computation”. First year budget 184,000NIS.
- *Israel Science Foundation (ISF)*, Jerusalem, Israel.
Grant No. 460/05, 2005-08. Project: “Short Locally Testable Codes and Proofs”. First year budget 150,000NIS.
- *Israel Internet Association (ISOC-IL)*.
A single year granted awarded Dec 2004. Project: “Sublinear-Time Algorithms for Networks” (with co-PI Dana Ron). Total budget 30,000\$.
- *United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)*, Jerusalem, Israel.
Grant No. 92-00226, 1993–95. Project: “Randomness and Computation”. Total budget 78,500\$.
- *United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)*, Jerusalem, Israel.
Grant No. 89-00312, 1990–92. Project: “Pseudorandomness and Zero-Knowledge”. Total budget 75,000\$.
- *Fund for Basic Research Administered by the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities*.
Grant no. 570/86 (cont. 608/88), 1987–89. Title “Zero-Knowledge and Interactive Proof Systems”. Total budget 38,560\$.
- *United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)*, Jerusalem, Israel.
Grant No. 86-00301, 1987–89. Project: “Fault-Tolerant Distributed Protocols, Randomness and Computational Number Theory”. Total budget 37,000\$.

13 Patents

- B. Chor, O. Goldreich and E. Kushilevitz, “Private Information Retrieval”, U.S. Patent No. 5,855,018 (issued on Dec. 29th 1998).
- O. Goldreich and R. Ostrovsky, “Comprehensive Software Protection System”, U.S. Patent No. 5,123,045 (issued Jun. 16th 1992).
- S. Even, O. Goldreich and S. Micali, “On-Line/Off-Line Digital Signing”, U.S. Patent No. 5,016,274 (issued May 14th 1991).