# Ahmed Umer Ashraf

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Education	
PhD Mathematics, University of Western Ontario (UWO) Sep Supervisor: Graham Denham	pt 2014 - Aug 2019
$\triangleright$ MSc Mathematics, University of Western Ontario (UWO)	2013-2014
$\triangleright$ BS Mathematics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)	2008-2012
Employment history	
▷ Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Mississauga	09/2022-Current.
$\triangleright$ BOF Postdoctoral Fellow, Ghent University	02/2022- $08/2022$ .
▷ Postdoctoral Fellow, Abdus Salam School of Mathematical Sciences	03/2021-09/2021.
<ul> <li>Assistant Professor, Department of Integrated Sciences and Mathematics, Habib University</li> </ul>	01/2021-12/2021.
▷ Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, University of Western Ontario	09/2020-12/2020.
▷ Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, University of Western Ontario	09/2019-12/2019.
▷ Course Instructor, Department of Mathematics, University of Western Ontario	2017.
$\triangleright$ Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Western Ontario	2013-2018.

## Publications

- ▷ Matroid Chern-Schwartz-MacPherson cycles and Tutte activities with Spencer Backman, Proceeding of the American Mathematical Society (to appear).
- ▷ Eulerian polynomials for subarrangements of Weyl arrangements with T.N.Tran and M.Yoshinaga, 2020 (Advances in Applied Mathematics ScienceDirect).

## Submission/Preprints

- ▷ Another approach to volume of matroid base polytopes, 2020, submitted arXiv link.
- ▷ Character polynomials for two rows and hook partitions, 2018, preprint arXiv link.

## Academic Honors and Awards

- ▷ Mitacs Globalink Research Award for Japan, Mitacs Canada, May-Aug, 2019.
- ▷ Society of Graduate Students Travel Award, Western University, Winter 2015, Winter 2019.
- ▷ Best paper award for *Stirling numbers of first and second kind and their relationship with Bernoulli numbers*, Undergraduate Conference in Mathematics, Abdus-Salam School of Mathematical Sciences, November 19, 2009.
- ▷ 3rd in intra-LUMS Coding Guru 2010 and placed in top 500 teams in IEEE Xtreme Programming competition 4.0, 2010.

## **Programming Skills**

 $\triangleright$  Python  $\triangleright$  Sage  $\triangleright$  Matlab  $\triangleright$  LaTeX  $\triangleright$  Polymake  $\triangleright$  Macaulay2

### Services

- ▷ Organizer for the Fields Institute Matroids Seminar 2022-23. The Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada.
- ▷ Organizer of the Math Graduate Seminar, University of Western Ontario, 2015-2016.

#### **Research Visits**

- ▷ Universidad Andres Bello, Santiago, Chile hosted by Professor José Prieto, January 2020.
- b Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan hosted by Professor Masahiko Yoshinaga, May-July 2019.

### Invited Talks

- Matroid CSM classes and Tutte activities, International Workshop P-positivity in Matroid Theory and Related Topics, RIMS, Kyoto, Online Conference, October 4-8, 2021.
- ▷ Eulerian polynomials for subarrangements, Arrangements at Home, Online Conference, May 5-6, 2020.
- ▷ Cyclic flat approach to matroid base polytope volume, Discrete Math Seminar, UMass, March 28, 2019.
- ▷ Cyclic flat approach to matroid base polytopes, Graphs and Matroids seminar, February 27, 2019.

#### Contributed talks and seminars

- ▷ Tutte coefficients and tropical intersection numbers, Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, ICERM, Virtual, March 12, 2021.
- ▷ Tutte coefficients as tropical intersection numbers, Combinatorial Algebra meets Algebraic Combinatorics, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, January 24-26, 2020.
- ▷ Cyclic flat approach to matroid polytopes volume, Recent advances in matroids and Tutte polynomials, Hokkaido Summer Institute, Hokkaido University, Japan, July 22-26, 2019.
- ▷ Alternative approach to volume of matroid polytopes, Applied Algebra Seminar, York University, April 1, 2019.
- ▷ Tiling character polynomials, CombinaTexas 2019, Texas A&M University, March 23-24, 2019.
- ▷ Combinatorial Characters of Symmetric Group, Mathematical Congress of Americas (MCA), Montreal, July 24-28, 2017 (poster).
- ▷ Combinatorial Characters, Graduate Student Combinatorics Conference (GSCC), University of Kansas, April 7-9, 2017.
- b Homological Sylow Theorem, Graduate Seminar, Department of Mathematics, University of Western Ontario, March 26, 2015.

## Summer Schools and Workshops participated in

- Ehrhart polynomials: inequalities and extremal constructions, AIM, San Jose, California, May 9-13, 2022.
- ▷ Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, ICERM, Virtual, Feb 01 May 07, 2021. (contributed talk)
- ▷ Warwick M2 Virtual Workshop, Zoom, June 01-05, 2020 (contributed to Tropical in M2).
- ▷ ATOM Summer School lecture series, Zoom, June 08-July 27, 2020 (contributed to learning seminar).
- ▷ Configuration spaces of graphs , AIMS, San Jose, California, USA, February 03-07, 2020.
- Introductory Workshop: Geometric and Topological Combinatorics, MSRI, Berkeley, USA, September 05-08, 2017.
- ▷ Positivity Questions In Geometric Combinatorics, MSRI, Berkeley, USA, July 10-21, 2017.

- ▷ Perspectives on Arrangements and Configuration spaces, Centro Di Giorgi, Pisa, Italy, September 9-10, 2016
- ▷ Pisa-Hokkaido Summer School in Mathematics and Its Applications, Centro De Giorgi, Pisa, Italy, August 30- September 8, 2016.
- ▷ Introductory Workshop for the Thematic Program on Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, Fields Institute, Toronto, August 15-19, 2016.
- ▷ Graduate Summer School for the Thematic Program on Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, Fields Institute, Toronto, July 18-22, 2016.
- ▷ Sage Days 78, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 29- July 1, 2016.
- ▷ 5th Encuentro Colombiano de Combinatoria CIMPA Research School: Algebraic, Enumerative and Geometric Combinatorics (ECCO'16), Universidad de Antioquia and Universidad Nacional sede Medellín, Medellín, Colombia, June 13-24, 2016.
- ▷ Positivity in Combinatorial Algebraic Geometry, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, August 10-14, 2015.

## **Conferences** attended

- $\triangleright$  28th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics (FPSAC'16), Vancouver, British Columbia, July 4-8, 2016.
- $\triangleright$  Computationally Assisted Mathematical Discovery and Experimental Mathematics (ACMES 2), Western University, London, Ontario, May 12-15, 2016.
- ▷ Combinatorial Algebra meets Algebraic Combinatorics (CAAC'16), Western University, London, Ontario, January 22-24, 2016.
- ▷ Combinatorial Constructions in Topology, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, August 17-21, 2015.
- ▷ Combinatorial Algebra meets Algebraic Combinatorics (CAAC'15), Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, January 23-25, 2015.

#### **Teaching Workshops and Certificates**

- ▷ Western Certificate in University Teaching and Learning, Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Western Ontario, 2020.
- ▷ Course on Teaching at the University Level, Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Western Ontario, 2017.
- Western Certificate in Academic and Professional Communication, Centre for Teaching and Learn- $\triangleright$ ing, University of Western Ontario, 2014.
- ▷ The Teaching Assistant Training Program (TATP), Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Western Ontario, 2014.

#### Courses taught as instructor

$\triangleright$ Theory of Computation	$\triangleright$ Commutative Algebra	$\triangleright$ Calculus I	$\triangleright$ Applied Logic
$\triangleright$ Linear Algebra	$\triangleright$ Engineering Mathematics		

## **Teaching Assistantship**

- $\triangleright$  Game Theory  $\triangleright$  Fundamental Concepts in Mathematics  $\triangleright$  Linear Algebra  $\triangleright$  Methods of Matrix Algebra  $\triangleright$  Discrete Mathematics  $\triangleright$  Precalculus
- $\triangleright$  Abstract Algebra I
- $\triangleright$  Calculus II
- $\triangleright$  Abstract Algebra II
- $\triangleright$  Mathematical Methods
- $\triangleright$  Calculus I

### **Other Teaching Experiences**

- ▷ Organized Putnam competition training sessions, along with Béatrice I.Chetard and Martin Pinsonnault at University of Western Ontario, 2016-2017.
- ▷ Instructor of Mathematics for Undergraduate Admission test preparation, Smart Prep, 2011-12
- ▷ Organized Problem Solving sessions in Maths Club at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS).

## **Project Management Workshops and Certificates**

- ▷ Foundations of Project Management II, Mitacs Canada, November 7-8, 2018.
- ▷ Foundations of Project Management I, Mitacs Canada, June 9-10, 2015.