# Curriculum Vitae Nikolaos Samaras

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#### Short Bio Sketch.

**Nikolaos Samaras** received his Diploma in Applied Informatics from the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece in 1996 and his Ph.D. in Applied Informatics from the same University in 2001. Between 1998 and 2000, he served on the faculty of the Technological Institute of Western Macedonia, as a Lecturer. In 2003, he moved to the University of Macedonia, Department of Applied Informatics.

Professor Samaras' current research interests are at the interface between computer science and operations research, with applications in a variety of engineering and scientific systems:

- Linear/Non Linear optimization: theory, algorithms, and software.

- Network optimization: theory, algorithms, and software.

- Scientific computing: HPC, and GPU-programming.

His research work has resulted in: (a) the development of a new algorithmic family for solving linear and network optimization problems; (b) the efficient implementation of the revised simplex algorithm using GPU; and (c) novel algorithms and software for operations research.

Position	Professor of Algorithmic Operations Research at the Department of Applied Informatics, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece
Education	University of Macedonia, Greece
	PhD degree in Applied Informatics, May 1996 - June 2001, Grade: "Excellent".
	PhD Thesis: Computational improvements and efficient
	implementation of two path pivoting algorithms"
	Thesis supervisor: Professor Konstantinos Paparrizos)
	University of Macedonia, Greece
	Diploma in Applied Informatics (4 year course), September 1991 – January 1996, GPA: 8.02/10.0 Rank: 3 <sup>nd</sup> .
	Diploma Thesis: Marketing Decision Support Systems: Development of New Products. Grade: 10.0/10.0
	1st High school, Kozani, Greece
	Graduated Cum Laude, June 1990.

	Entered after successful Panhellenic Examinations in the Department of
	Applied Informatics, University of Macedonia. Rank: 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Honors & Awards	October 2016: Senior Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), <u>http://awards.acm.org/award_winners/samaras_9996455.cfm</u>
	<b>July 2016:</b> <i>Annual Excellence in Research Journal Awards</i> , by IGI Global for the paper entitled "An interactive spatial decision support system enabling co-located collaboration using tangible user interfaces for the multiple capacitated facility location problem" co-authored by Ploskas, N., Athanasiadis, I., and Papathanasiou, J.
	<b>December 2012:</b> <i>Honorable mention (Academic and Research Excellence in Higher Education)</i> from the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs for participating in the distinguished research project entitled "citation analysis".
	June 2017: Honorable mention from the Hellenic Operational Research Society (EEEE), for organizing the 18th National Conference, Hellenic Operational Research Society, 15–17 June, Kozani, Greece.
	<b>December 2005:</b> <i>ASIS&amp;T/ISIS-Thomson Citation Analysis Research Grant</i> , for the research project entitled "cc-IFF: A Cascading Citations Impact Factor Framework". This project will test a new type of citation metric - cascading citations Impact Factor - in a scientific literature database. This highly innovative and mathematically sophisticated research initiative will attempt to solve difficult challenges in citation analysis and may yield important real-world applications.
Research Projects	07/2016-10/2016: Key Researcher in project funded by the Veltio Greece LTD, entitled "Modeling Operations Research Problems".
	<b>02/2011-02/2013:</b> Key Researcher in project funded by the European Commission and National Funds of Greece and Bulgaria, entitled "Cross-Border Vertical Axes of Entrepreneurship in Support of Youth and Women".
	<b>05/2010-12/2011:</b> Scientific Coordinator of Basic Research Project funded by the Research Committee of the University of Macedonia, entitled "An improved hybrid usage scenario of ECN and RED for more efficient utilization of backbone Internet router resources".
	<b>05/2008-12/2009:</b> Scientific Coordinator of Basic Research Project funded by the Research Committee of the University of Macedonia, entitled "A new parallel exterior point simplex type algorithm for the linear programming problem".
	<b>10/2007-12/2007:</b> Key Researcher in project funded by the European Commission, Sixth framework programme, entitled: " <b>Research</b> infrastructures communication network development".
	<b>11/2006-12/2008:</b> Key Researcher in project funded by the Central Macedonia Region, entitled "Smart Taxi Fleet Management".

	<b>11/2006-12/2008:</b> Key Researcher in project funded by the Central Macedonia Region, entitled "Business data management from heterogonous data resources".
	<b>10/2006-10/2008:</b> Key Researcher in project funded by the European Commission, FP6 Marie Curie Chairs (EXC), entitled " <b>Optimization Models and Algorithms for Informatics Problems in Biology, Chemistry and Medicine</b> ".
	<b>09/2006-7/2008:</b> Scientific Coordinator of Basic Research Project funded by the Research Committee of the University of Macedonia, entitled "cc-IFF: A Cascading Citations Impact Factor Framework".
	<b>10/2005-12/2009:</b> Main Researcher in PENED program (Programme for the Support of Researchers for training young researchers - funded by the Greek General Secretariat for Research and Technology), entitled "Emissions' reduction of a coal-fired power plant via reduction of consumption through simulation and optimization of its mathematical model".
	<b>10/2005-10/2007:</b> Scientific Coordinator of Basic Research Project funded by the Research Committee of the University of Macedonia, entitled " <b>On the cycling problem for simplex exterior type algorithms for the minimum cost network flow problem</b> ".
	<b>07/2004-04/2006:</b> Main Researcher in project funded by the Western Macedonia Region, entitled "Virtual Technopolis".
Teaching Experience	<i>Undergraduate Courses</i> : Department of Applied Informatics, University of Macedonia <b>Algorithms</b>
	Combinatorial Optimization
	Introduction to Computer Science
	Introduction to Scientific Computing
	Linear and Network Programming
	Linear Optimization Algorithms
	Network Optimization
	Operations Research Simulation Techniques
	Simulation rechniques
	Department of Informatics, Hellenic Open University Introduction to Computer Science
	Postgraduate Courses:
	Department of Applied Informatics, University of Macedonia
	Computational Optimization
	Knowledge Recovery – Data Mining
	Machine Learning & Natural Language Processing
	Modeling and Decision Making
	Optimization Scientific Computing
	Special Topics on Algorithms
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	Department of Mathematics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
	Algorithms and Complexity
Professional	12/2016 – : Professor, Univ. of Macedonia
Experience	04/2016 – : Director of the Computational Methodologies & Operations
Experience	Research (CMOR) Laboratory, Dept. of Applied Informatics, Univ. of
	Macedonia.
	12/2012 –12/2016: Associate Professor, Univ. of Macedonia
	10/2007–12/2012: Assistant Professor, Univ. of Macedonia
	04/2003–10/2007: Lecturer, Univ. of Macedonia
	2008-: Member of the teaching staff of the Hellenic Open
	University
Professional	<b>Conference co-chair</b> of the 16 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on the
Activities	Integration of Constraint Programming, Artificial Intelligence, and
	Operations Research (CPAIOR 2019), 04–07 June 2019, Mediterranean
	Palace hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece.
	Member of the Editorial Board, Journal: Operational Research: An
	International Journal, Springer-Verlag
	Manshau of the Coloutific and Technical Committee of the Would Academy
	Member of the Scientific and Technical Committee, of the World Academy
	of Science, Engineering and Technology (WASET).
	Reviewer
	American Journal of Operations Research
	Annals of Operations Research
	Applied Mathematics and Computation
	Axioms
	Computational Optimization and Applications
	Computer Applications in Engineering Education
	Computers and Operations Research
	Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience
	European Journal of Operational Research
	Future Generation Computer Systems
	International Journal of Applied Management Science
	International Journal of Computer Mathematics
	International Journal of Decision Support System Technology
	International Journal of High Performance Computing and Networking
	Future Generation Computer Systems
	Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research
	Journal of Computational Analysis and Applications
	Journal of Computational Science
	Journal of the Operational Research Society
	Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing
	Mathematical Problems in Engineering
	Mathematical Programming Computation
	Operations Research Letters
	Operational Research
	Optimization
	Optimization Methods and Software
	RAIRO Operations Research
	Transportation Research Part E: Logistics and Transportation
	Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research

	Member of Program and Scientific Committee (partial list – last 10 years)
	13 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Interactive Mobile Communication,
	Technologies and Learning (IMCL2019).
	7 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search (ICVNS
	-
	2019).
	8 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium & 30 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	13 <sup>th</sup> Learning and Intelligent Optimization Conference (LION 13).
	6 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search (ICVNS
	2018).
	7 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium & 29 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	BALCOR, 13 <sup>th</sup> Balkan Conference on Operational Research – "OR in
	Balkans – Recent Advances".
	11 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Interactive Mobile Communication,
	Technologies and Learning (IMCL2017).
	6 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium & 28 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	5 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium & 27 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	4 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium & 26 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	BALCOR, 12 <sup>th</sup> Balkan Conference on Operational Research, (BALCOR
	3 <sup>rd</sup> International Symposium & 25 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	Joint International Conference of the INFORMS GDN Section and the
	EURO Working Group on DSS (INFORMS GDN & EWG-DSS 2014).
	Euro Working Group Workshops, EWG-DSS 2013.
	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Symposium & 24 <sup>th</sup> National Conference on
	Operational Research.
	23 <sup>rd</sup> International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI
	2013).
	BALCOR/SYMOPIS Joint International Meeting, 11 <sup>th</sup> Balkan Conference
	on Operational Research.
	EURO Working Group on Decision Support Systems Workshop (EWG-
	DSS 2013).
	8 <sup>th</sup> Artificial Intelligence Applications and Innovations (AIAI)
	Conference.
	16 <sup>th</sup> IEEE Symposium on Computers and Communications (ISCC 2011).
	10 <sup>th</sup> Balkan Conference on Operational Research, (BALCOR 2011).
Scientific	- ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) - Senior Member
Membership	- ACM SIG Affiliation: SIGACT (Special Interest Group on Algorithms
L	and Computation Theory)
	- EURO Working Group on Decision Support Systems (EWG-DSS)
	<ul> <li>European Chapter on Combinatorial Optimization (ECCO)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Hellenic Artificial Intelligence Society (EETN)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Hellenic Operational Research Society (HELORS)</li> </ul>
	The Continuous Optimization Working Group of EURO (EUROPT)

# Publications

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https://scholar.google.gr/citations?user=H9NT4WUAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao )

# <u>Books</u>

- 1. Samaras, N., Tsiplidis, K. (2019). "*The book of Python. Writing code*", Kritiki Publications, Athens. ISBN: 978-960-5863-12-8 (In Greek)
- 2. Ploskas N., Samaras N. (2017). "*Linear Programming Using MATLAB*<sup>\*</sup>", Series: Springer Optimization and Its Applications, vol 127. Springer, Cham. ISBN: 978-3-319-65917-6
- 3. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2016). "*GPU Programming in MATLAB*", Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, Elsevier Inc., San Diego, U.S.A. ISBN: 978-0128051320
- 4. Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2009). "*Network Optimization*", ZYGOS Publications, Thessaloniki. ISBN: 978-960-8065-68-0 (In Greek)
- 5. Stephanides, G., Samaras, N. (1999). "*Computational Methods with MATLAB*", ZYGOS Publications, Thessaloniki. ISBN: 960-8065-05-4 (In Greek)

## Edited Books

- Bronson, R., Naadimuthu, G. (2010). "Operations Research", 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, McGraw-Hill. Editing of Greek edition: Kleidarithmos Publications, Athens, 2010. ISBN: 978-960-461-314-4 – (In Greek)
- Roiger, J. R., Geatz, W. M. (2008). "Data Mining: A Tutorial Based Primer", Addison Wesley. Editing of Greek edition: Kleidarithmos Publications, Athens, 2008. ISBN: 978-960-461-206-2 – (In Greek)

## **Book Chapters**

- 1. Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Tsiplidis, K. (2001). "Pivoting algorithms for (LP) generating two paths", Pardalos, M.P., Floudas, A.C. (Eds), *Encyclopedia of Optimization*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Vol. 4, pp. 302–306.
- Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Zissopoulos, D. (2001). "Klee-Minty examples for (LP)", Pardalos, M.P., Floudas, A.C. (Eds), *Encyclopedia of Optimization*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Vol. 3, pp. 193–199.
- 3. Achatz, H., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Tsiplidis, K. (2002). "A forest exterior point algorithm for assignment problems", Pardalos, M.P., Midgalas, A., Buckard, R. (Eds), *Combinatorial and Global Optimization*, Word Scientific Publishing Co., pp. 1–10.
- 4. Fouliras, P., Samaras, N. (2008). "A generic framework for bluetooth promoted multimedia on demand (BlueProMoD)", Gutierrez, J. (Ed.), *Selected Readings on Telecommunications and Networking*, IGI Global, pp. 142–155.
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- Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Zissopoulos, D. (2008). "Klee-Minty examples for (LP)", Pardalos, M.P., Floudas, A.C. (Eds), *Encyclopedia of Optimization*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Springer, pp. 1891–1897.
- Ploskas, N., Samaras, N., Margaritis, K. (2013). "A parallel implementation of the revised simplex algorithm using OpenMP: some preliminary results", A. Migdalas et al. (Eds) Optimization Theory, Decision Making, and Operations Research Applications, Series Title: Springer Proceedings in Mathematics & Statistics 31, Springer New York, pp. 163– 175.
- 8. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N., Papathanasiou, J. (2013). "A web-based decision support system using basis update on simplex type algorithms", T. Hernandez, et al. (Eds), Decision Support Systems II - Recent Developments Applied to DSS Network

*Environments*, Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing (LNBIP 164), Springer New York, pp. 102–114.

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- Ploskas, N., Athanasiadis, I., Papathanasiou, J., Samaras, N. (2015). "A collaborative spatial decision support system for the capacitated vehicle routing problem on a tabletop display", I. Linden et al. (Eds), *Decision Support Systems IV - Information and Knowledge Management in Decision Processes*, Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing (LNBIP 221), Springer New York, pp. 26–36.
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- Tsaples, G., Papathanasiou, J., Georgiou, A., Samaras, N. (2019). "Assessing multidimensional sustainability of European countries with a novel two-stage DEA", P.S.A. Freitas et al. (Eds), *Decision Support Systems IX – Main Developments and Future Trends*, Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing (LNBIP 348), Springer New York, pp. 111–122.

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- 1. Paparrizos, K. Stephanides, G., Samaras, N. (2001). "Improved criteria for identifying optimal basic and nonbasic variables in LP", *Journal of Computational Analysis and Applications*, Vol. 3(1), pp. 75–82.
- 2. Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Stephanides, G. (2003). "An efficient simplex type algorithm for sparse and dense linear programs", *European Journal of Operational Research*, Vol. 148(2), pp. 323–334.
- 3. Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Stephanides, G. (2003). "A new efficient primal dual simplex algorithm", *Computers and Operations Research*, Vol. 30(9), pp. 1383–1399.
- 4. Papamanthou, Ch., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N. (2004). "Computational experience with exterior point algorithms for the transportation problem", *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, Vol. 158, pp. 459–475.
- 5. Andreou, D., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2005). "Application of a new network-enabled solver for the assignment problem in computer-aided education", *Journal of Computer Science*, Vol. 1(1), pp. 19–23.
- 6. Papamanthou, Ch., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N. (2005). "A parametric visualization software for the assignment problem", *Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research*, Vol. 15(1), pp. 147–158.
- 7. Samaras, N., Stergiou, K. (2005). "Binary encodings of non-binary constraint satisfaction problems: Algorithms and experimental results", *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, Vol. 24, pp. 641–684.
- 8. Karagiannis, P., Markelis, I., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2006). "E-learning technologies: employing matlab web server to facilitate the education of mathematical programming", *International Journal of Mathematical Education in Science and Technology*, Vol. 37(7), pp. 765–782.

- 9. Lazaridis, V., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, K. (2007). "Visual LinProg: A webbased educational software for Linear Programming", *Computer Applications in Engineering Education*, Vol. 15(1), pp. 1–14.
- 10. Andreou, D., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2007). "Visualization software of the network exterior primal simplex algorithm for the minimum cost network flow problem", *Operational Research. An International Journal*, Vol. 7(3), pp. 449–463.
- 11. Fouliras, P., Samaras, N. (2008). "A generic framework for bluetooth promoted multimedia on demand (BlueProMoD)", *Journal of Information Technology Research*, Vol. 1(1), pp. 1–13.
- 12. Papamanthou, Ch., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Stergiou, K. (2008). "Worst case examples of an exterior point algorithm for the assignment problem", *Discrete Optimization*, Vol. 5(3), pp. 605–614.
- 13. Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2009). "An exterior simplex type algorithm for the minimum cost network flow problem", *Computers and Operations Research*, Vol. 36(4), pp. 1176–1190.
- 14. Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A., Triantafyllidis, Ch. (2009). "A primal-dual exterior point algorithm for linear programming problems", *Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research*, Vol. 19(1), pp. 123–132.
- Tzolakis, G., Papanikolaou, P., Kolokotronis, D., Samaras, N., Tomboulides, A., Tourlidakis, A. (2010). "Emissions' reduction of a coal-fired power plant via reduction of consumption through simulation and optimization of its mathematical model", *Operational Research. An International Journal*, Vol. 10(1), pp. 71–89.
- 16. Harhalakis, S., Samaras, N., Vitsas, V. (2010). "Reconsidering the usage of stand-alone packets for congestion indication", *Electronics Letters*, Vol. 46(11), pp. 765–766.
- 17. Papamanthou, Ch., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2010). "On the initialization methods of an exterior point algorithm for the assignment problem", *International Journal of Computer Mathematics*, Vol. 87(8), pp. 1831–1846.
- Glavelis, Th., Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2010). "A computational evaluation of some free mathematical software for scientific computing", *Journal of Computational Science*, Vol. 1(3), pp. 150–158.
- 19. Fragkiadaki, E., Evangelidis, G., Samaras, N., Dervos, D. (2011). "f-value: measuring an article's scientific impact", *Scientometrics*, Vol. 86(3), pp. 671–686.
- 20. Karagiannis, P., Vouros, G., Stergiou, K., Samaras, N. (2012). "Overlay networks for task allocation and coordination in large-scale networks of cooperative agents", *Journal of the International Foundation for Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*, Vol. 24(1), pp. 26–68.
- 21. Tzolakis, G., Papanikolaou, P., Kolokotronis, D., Samaras, N., Tourlidakis, A., Tomboulides, A. (2012). "Simulation of a coal-fired power plant using mathematical programming algorithms in order to optimize its efficiency", *Applied Thermal Engineering*, Vol. 48, pp. 256–267.
- 22. Samaras, N. (2012). "Commercial and open source software for mathematical programming", *Journal of Computational Optimization in Economics and Finance*, Vol. 4(1), pp. 31–44.
- 23. Lazaridis, V., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2013). "An empirical study on factors affecting the educational usefulness of algorithm visualization", *Computer Applications in Engineering Education*, Vol. 21(3), pp. 410–420.
- 24. Samaras, N. (2013). "Basis update methods in the revised simplex method", *International Journal of Engineering and Management*, Vol. 5(1), pp. 15–22.
- 25. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2013). "A computational comparison of basis updating schemes for the simplex algorithm on a CPU-GPU system", *American Journal of Operations Research*, Vol. 3, pp. 497–505.

- 26. Glavelis, Th., Samaras, N. (2013). "An experimental investigation of a primal-dual exterior point simplex algorithm", *Optimization: A Journal of Mathematical Programming and Operations Research*, Vol. 62(8), pp. 1143–1152.
- 27. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2014). "Pivoting rules for the revised simplex algorithm", *Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research*, Vol. 24(3), pp. 321–332.
- 28. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2014). "GPU accelerated pivoting rules for the simplex algorithm", *Journal of Systems and Software*, Vol. 96, pp. 1–9.
- 29. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N., Papathanasiou, J. (2014). "A decision support system for solving linear programming problems", *International Journal of Decision Support System Technology*, Vol. 6(2), pp. 46–62.
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- 31. Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2015). "Exterior point simplex-type algorithms for linear and network optimization problems", *Annals of Operations Research*, Vol. 229(1), pp. 607–633.
- 32. Ploskas, N., Athanasiadis, I., Papathanasiou, J., Samaras, N. (2015). "An interactive spatial decision support system enabling co-located collaboration using tangible user interfaces for the multiple capacitated facility location problem", *International Journal of Decision Support System Technology*, Vol. 7(2), pp. 15–28.
- 33. Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2015) "A computational comparison of scaling techniques for linear optimization problems on a graphical processing unit", *International Journal of Computer Mathematics*, Vol. 92(2), pp. 319–336.
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- 35. Glavelis, Th., Ploskas, N., Samaras, N. (2018). "Improving a primal-dual simplex-type algorithm using interior point methods", *Optimization: A Journal of Mathematical Programming and Operations Research*, Vol. 67(12), pp. 2259–2274.
- Voulgaropoulou, S., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2019). "Computational complexity of the Exterior Point Simplex Algorithm", *Operational Research. An International Journal*, Vol. 19, pp. 297–316.
- 37. Petraki, D., Samaras, N. (2019). "Matrix sequences", *Journal of Interdisciplinary Mathematics*, Vol. 22(3), pp. 377–385.
- 38. Petraki, D., Samaras, N. (2019). "Solving the *n*th degree polynomial matrix equation", *Journal of Interdisciplinary Mathematics*, Vol. 24(5), pp. 1079–1092.
- 39. Kalatzantonakis, P., Sifaleras, A., Samaras, N. (2020). "Cooperative versus noncooperative parallel variable neighborhood search strategies: a case study on the capacitated vehicle routing problem", *Journal of Global Optimization*, Vol. 78, pp. 327– 348.
- 40. Triantafyllidis, C., Samaras, N. (2020). "A new non-monotonic infeasible simplex-type algorithm for Linear Programming", *PeerJ Computer Science*, Vol. 6(e265), https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj-cs.265
- 41. Kalatzantonakis, P., Sifaleras, A., Samaras, N. (2021). "Slot Machine RTP Optimization Using Variable Neighborhood Search", *Mathematical Problems in Engineering*, Vol. 2021, Article ID 8784065.
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- 43. Voulgaropoulou, S., Samaras, N., Ploskas, N. (2022). "Predicting the Execution Time of the Primal and Dual Simplex Algorithms Using Artificial Neural Networks", *Mathematics*, Vol. 10(7):1038. https://doi.org/10.3390/math10071038

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- Dosios, K., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2003). "An efficient modification of the primal-dual two paths simplex algorithm", in Proc. International Conference on Computational Methods in Sciences and Engineering (ICCMSE 2003), 12–16 September, Kastoria, Greece, pp. 144–147.
- Karagiannis, P., Paparrizos, K., Samaras, N., Sifaleras, A. (2004). "Employing mobile agents to secure local networks", in Proc. (electronic form) 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Information & Communication Technologies: From Theory to Applications (ICTTA 2004), IEEE (France), 19–23 April, Damascus, Syria.
- 4. Karagiannis, P., Samaras, N., Stergiou, K. (2004). "Arc consistency in the dual encoding of non-binary CSPs", in Proc. First International Workshop on Constraint Propagation and Implementation, 27 September 1 October, Toronto, Canada, pp. 77–92.
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- 6. Dervos, A. D., Samaras, N., Evangelidis, G., Hyvärinen, Y., Asmanidis, Y. (2006). "The Universal Author Identifier System (UAI\_Sys)", In Proc. First International Scientific Conference, e RA-1, 16–17 September, Tripoli, Greece, pp. 330–337.
- Dervos, A. D., Samaras, N., Evangelidis, G., Folias, T. (2006). "A new framework for the citation indexing paradigm", In Proc. 69<sup>th</sup> ASIS&T Annual Meeting (ASIS&T'06), 3–8 November, Austin, Texas, U.S.A., Vol. 43(1), pp. 1–16.
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