

Algorithmic Learning Theory 2022: Preface

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These proceedings contain the 42 papers accepted for presentation at the 33rd International Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT 2022), held on March 29 – April 1, 2022, in Paris and as well as virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These papers were selected by the program committee, with the help of additional expert reviewers, out of 115 submissions.

ALT 2022 implemented a two-tiered dual-role reviewing system that reduced the overall reviewing burden on the community while also maintaining the overall high quality of the review process. In this structure, senior program committee members served as two roles: directly writing reviews for some papers, while acting as meta-reviewers on others. Each paper was reviewed by at least one senior program committee member as well as 2-3 regular members of the committee. All together, 47 senior members and 64 regular members served on the ALT 2022 program committee. Each accepted paper was presented in a 20-minute talk slot that included 5 minutes of Q&A.

Besides the presentations of the accepted papers, the conference featured keynote presentations by Sébastien Bubeck and Lenka Zdeborová. In addition to the conference, for the second year ALT sponsored a 1-day Mentorship Workshop held virtually on March 14-15, 2022 and organized by the Learning Theory Alliance.

Chen-Yu Wei, Chris Dann, and Julian Zimmert received the Best Paper Award for their work titled “A Model Selection Approach for Corruption Robust Reinforcement Learning”. The E. M. Gold Best Student Paper award was given to Lunjia Hu and Charlotte Peale, for their joint work with Omer Reingold titled “Metric Entropy Duality and the Sample Complexity of Outcome Indistinguishability”.

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