

Editor's Introduction

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This summer I officially took over from Ariel Procaccia as the editor of SIGecom Exchanges. I plan to continue in the tradition of my predecessors; namely, curating a selection of the best research in our community in the form of easily-digestible short articles as well as longer surveys and position papers. As work at the interface of computer science and economics grows both in scope and in sheer quantity, Exchanges can be a low-cost way to keep us all up to speed on the latest and greatest.

Issue 13.2 includes an update from David Parkes on the status of the SIG, a survey on approximately optimal mechanism design by Tim Roughgarden, and six research letters. My goal in soliciting contributions was to represent a variety of the influential threads of research in our community. For future issues, please consider volunteering a letter or survey, or suggesting an area of work you would like to see represented. Additionally, if you have any ideas on how to expand the scope of exchanges so as to promote more engagement with the community, please drop me an email.

Finally, I would like to thank ACM and the SIG for their support, with special thanks to Ariel Procaccia and Felix Fischer for their help with the transition.

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