

## **Vita**

Vikram Ganesan was born on November 20, 1974 and spent the first twenty-two years of his life in Bombay, India. In July 1997, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from College of Engineering, Sakhrle, Sangli. He graduated with a Master's degree in Ocean Engineering from the Aerospace and Ocean Engineering department at Virginia Tech in July 1999, during which time he worked as a Graduate Research Assistant in the department. His interest in Modeling, Analysis and Optimization led him to pursue a Master's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering with concentration in Operations Research. During the course of these two years, he supported himself on Graduate Teaching Assistantships outside the department, and by working as a Mechanical Design Engineer in the industry. He is presently working as a Mechanical Engineer/ Developer in the automotive engineering industry in Detroit, Michigan.