Austin Li

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Education

Cornell University

2024 - 2029 (expected)

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Princeton University

2023 - 2024

M.Eng. in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0/4.0

Princeton University

2019 - 2023

B.S.E. in Computer Science (*summa cum laude*), GPA: 4.0/4.0 Certificate in Applied and Computational Mathematics

Research

Cornell University Graduate Student Researcher

Aug 2024 – Present

- Adviser: Lorenzo Alvisi
- Building a robust and flexible framework for safety in the presence of Byzantine clients in transactional systems

Princeton University Graduate Student Researcher

Sep 2023 - May 2024

- Advisers: Amit Levy, Wyatt Lloyd
- Worked on RADICAL project to enable serverless compute to run anywhere while improving performance and maintaining durability

Princeton University Undergraduate Senior Thesis

Sep 2022 - May 2023

- Adviser: Amit Levy
- Examined the use of external synchrony for distributed databases to significantly reduce latency in the cloud computing paradigm of Functions as a Service (FaaS)

Princeton University Undergraduate Junior Independent Work

Sep 2021 - Jan 2022

- Adviser: Matthew Weinberg
- Studied probabilistic stable matching and the expected outcomes of participants as a function of their relative quality

University of Kentucky Student Researcher

July 2017 - Aug 2019

- Adviser: Chi Wang
- Created a novel pipeline using R, Python, and Google Cloud to analyze intratumor heterogeneity

Teaching

Cornell University TA

Aug 2024 - Present

- CS 5414 Distributed Computing Principles (Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
- Teach weekly recitation and manage project component of course
- Outstanding TA recognition (Fall 2024)

Princeton University Assistant in Instruction

Sep 2023 - May 2024

- Preceptor for COS 126 Introduction to Computer Science (Fall 2023)
- Preceptor for COS 217 Introduction to Systems Programming (Spring 2024)

 Led 15 students for two precepts a week to interactively reinforce and expand upon lecture material; held office hours and graded student assignments

Princeton University Undergraduate Assistant Head Lab TA

Jan 2022 - Jan 2023

Oversaw and managed the TA system (60+ undergraduate TA's) for intro CS courses (COS 126, COS 217, COS 226)

Princeton University Undergraduate COS 217, COS 226 Lab TA

Sep 2020 - May 2023

Provided personalized coding and debugging assistance for students 4 hours per week

Honors

Phillip Goldman '86 Senior Prize in Computer Science 2023 Princeton CS top award for academic excellence among graduating seniors (1/203) **Princeton Computer Science Outstanding Student Teaching Award** 2023 Awarded for outstanding undergraduate student teaching in the CS department Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society 2022 One of 36 students in graduating class inducted early into the academic honor society Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society 2021 Top 1/8 of engineering class recognized for academic excellence **Shapiro Award for Academic Excellence** 2020, 2021

Outstanding academic achievement among Princeton first or second year undergraduates

USA Mathematics Olympiad Qualifier

• Top 250 mathematics competitors in the nation

USA Physics Olympiad Bronze Medal

2018

2018

Top 40% of the top 400 physics competitors in the nation

Publications

- 1. Guo B, Xiong X, Hasani S, Wen YA, Li AT, Martinez R, Skaggs AT, Gao T. Downregulation of PHLPP induced by endoplasmic reticulum stress promotes eIF2 α phosphorylation and chemoresistance in colon cancer. Cell Death Dis. 2021 Oct 18;12(11):960.
- 2. Gan T, Stevens AT, Xiong X, Wen YA, Farmer TN, Li AT, Stevens PD, Golshani S, Weiss HL, Evers BM, Gao T. Inhibition of protein tyrosine phosphatase receptor type F suppresses Wnt signaling in colorectal cancer. Oncogene. 2020 Oct;39(44):6789-6801.
- 3. Wen YA, Xiong X, Scott T, Li AT, Wang C, Weiss HL, Tan L, Bradford E, Fan TWM, Chandel NS, Barrett TA, Gao T. The mitochondrial retrograde signaling regulates Wnt signaling to promote tumorigenesis in colon cancer. Cell Death Differ. 2019 Oct;26(10):1955-1969.
- 4. Stevens PD, Wen YA, Xiong X, Zaytseva YY, Li AT, Wang C, Stevens AT, Farmer TN, Gan T, Weiss HL, Inagaki M, Marchetto S, Borg JP, Gao T. Erbin Suppresses KSR1-Mediated RAS/RAF Signaling and Tumorigenesis in Colorectal Cancer. Cancer Res. 2018 Sep 1;78(17):4839-4852.
- 5. Wen YA, Xiong X, Zaytseva YY, Napier DL, Vallee E, Li AT, Wang C, Weiss HL, Evers BM, Gao T. Downregulation of SREBP inhibits tumor growth and initiation by altering cellular metabolism in colon cancer. Cell Death Dis. 2018 Feb 15;9(3):265.

Employment Experience

Stripe Software Engineering Intern

May 2024 – Aug 2024

New York, NY

- Frontend React development on the Platform Growth Team
- Created new UI surface to enable onboarding bypass in test mode

Stripe Software Engineering Intern

May 2022 - Aug 2022

Seattle, WA

- Backend Ruby development on the Reconciliation Experiences team
- Enabled multiple reconciliation configurations to improve long term automatic reconciliation rates
- Created novel automatic reconciliation strategy generator to reduce manual reconciliation toil

Stevens Capital Management Quantitative Research Intern

June 2021 - Aug 2021

Radnor, PA

- Performed data analysis related to trade execution and order management
- Created and conducted statistical analysis of trading datasets

CUvids Research and Development Intern

June 2020 - Aug 2020

Remote

- Designed and developed a mobile app from scratch to help students extend their learning
- Utilized React Native and JavaScript to create a frontend for both iOS and Android

Volunteer Work

Community House After School Program (CHASP)

Sep 2019 - May 2022

Princeton University

Volunteer tutoring for low-income, minority, and first-generation middle/high school students

Winburn Middle School Mathcounts Team Coach

Jan 2016 - May 2019

Lexington, KY

- Planned and led team practices of about 20 students for competitive mathematics
- Transformed the coaching methodology at the school to teach problem solving skills
- Achieved two state championships and two runner ups in four years

Bluegrass Soccer Club 03 Boys Team Assistant Coach

Jun 2015 - May 2019

Lexington, KY

- Collaborated with head coach to plan and execute practices and games
- Instilled the value of teamwork and love for the game of soccer

Activities

Princeton Pickleball Club (Founder)

Sep 2023 - May 2024

- Founded Princeton's first pickleball club
- Brought students together and formed a community around pickleball

Princeton Pickup Soccer Club

Sep 2019 - May 2023

- President for 2022-23 academic year
- Organized pickup soccer games each week to allow people of all skill levels to enjoy soccer together