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RESEARCH INTEREST

Machine Learning
- *Explainable Machine Learning, Trustworthy Machine Learning, Algorithmic Fairness, Graph Learning, Statistical Learning Theory*

Theoretical Computer Science
- *Fast Graph Algorithm, Approximation Algorithm, Computational Complexity, Hardness of Approximation*

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — **Illinois**
Ph.D. Student in Information Science, School of Information Science — *Aug. 2023 – Present*
  - **Advisor**: Jiaqi Ma 🌐

University of Michigan — **Michigan**
B.Sc. in Computer Science, College of Engineering — *Aug. 2021 – May 2023*
  - Graduate with ***Summa Cum Laude***
  - **Minor**: Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University — **Hsinchu, Taiwan**
Visiting Scholar — *Jan. 2020 – Jul. 2020*

Shanghai Jiao Tong University — **Shanghai, China**
B.Eng. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, UM-SJTU Joint Institute — *Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2023*
  - **Minor**: Computer Science, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Sugiyama Laboratory 🌐 , National Institute of Informatics — **Tokyo, Japan**
Research Intern — *May. 2024 – Aug. 2024*
  - **Advisor**: Mahito Sugiyama 🌐

Theory of Computation Laboratory 🌐 , University of Michigan — **Michigan**
Undergraduate Researcher — *Mar. 2022 – Present*
  - **Advisor**: Thatchaphol Saranurak 🌐
  - Design the first almost linear time algorithm on finding minimal balanced separator.

SURE Program 🌐 , University of Michigan — **Michigan**
Undergraduate Researcher — *May 2022 – Apr. 2023*
  - **Advisor**: Wei Hu 🌐
  - Theoretical analysis on intrinsic dimension under isoperimetry assumptions.

FORESEER Research Group 🌐 , University of Michigan — **Michigan**
Undergraduate Research Assistant — *Dec. 2021 – Jan. 2023*
  - **Advisor**: Jiaqi Ma 🌐
  - Prove the asymptotic separability of a 1-layer GCN on node classification tasks.

Chief Noob — **Shanghai, China**
Backend Developer — *Oct. 2020 – Jun. 2021*

PRE-PRINTS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS   (* denotes equal contribution)

[P1] **Pingbang Hu**, "Travel the Same Path: A Novel TSP Solving Strategy". *Preprint* 🌐

Teaching Experience

Instructional Aide, University of Michigan   **Michigan**

- *Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design assignment and exam problems, grade and guide projects.*
  - **Introduction to Cryptography** 🌐 : An upper-level course on the main undergraduate CS track.   *Winter 2023*
  - **Randomness and Computation** 🌐 : A graduate-level course on the M.S. CS theory track.   *Fall 2022*

Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University   **Shanghai, China**

- *Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design and grade assignments and exams.*
  - **Honor Mathematics III** 🌐 : An undergraduate-level course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.   *Summer 2021*
    - **Competition**: Hold the 1st UM-SJTU JIntegration Bee competition 🌐 .
  - **Honor Mathematics II** 🌐 : An undergraduate-level course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.   *Fall 2020*

Honors and Awards

Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship   **Shanghai, China**

- *First Prize (Ranked #2) among all HK, MC and TW students in* Shanghai Jiao Tong University   *Oct. 2021*

Undergraduate Excellent Scholarship   **Shanghai, China**

- *Third Prize among all students in* UM-SJTU Joint Institute   *Nov. 2020*

Bao Gang Excellent Scholarship   **Shanghai, China**

- *Second Prize (Ranked #3) among all Taiwan students in* Shanghai Jiao Tong University   *Jun. 2020*

Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship   **Shanghai, China**

- *First Prize (Ranked #1) among all HK, MC and TW students in* UM-SJTU Joint Institute   *Dec. 2019*

Professional Activities

Conference Reviewer

- *ICML 2024, IEEE BigData 2023*