Pingbang Hu

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DEGREES

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Illinois

Ph.D. Student in Information Science, School of Information Science

Aug. 2023 - Present

o Advisor: Jiaqi Ma 😵

• Research Area: Theoretical Artificial Intelligence & Theoretical Computer Science

University of Michigan

Michigan

B.Sc. in Computer Science, College of Engineering

Aug. 2021 - May. 2023

o Graduate with Summa Cum Laude

o Minor: Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China

B.Eng. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2023

o Minor: Computer Science, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Finding Minimal Balanced Separators with Detection Sets

Michigan

College of Engineering, University of Michigan

Mar. 2022 - Present

o Advisor: Thatchaphol Saranurak 😵

• The first almost linear time algorithm on finding minimal balanced separator.

Deep Learning Foundation

Michigan

SURE Program S , College of Engineering, University of Michigan

May. 2022 - Jan. 2023

o Advisor: Wei Hu 😵

o Theoretical analysis on intrinsic dimension under isoperimetry assumptions.

Theory of Graph Neural Networks

Michigan

College of Engineering, University of Michigan

Mar. 2022 - Jan. 2023

o Advisor: Wei Hu 😯

 $\circ~$ Theoretical analysis on intrinsic dimension under isoperimetry assumptions.

Pre-prints and Technical Reports

(* denotes equal contribution)

[P1] Pingbang Hu, Thatchaphol Saranurak, "Finding Minimal Balanced Separators with Detection Sets". In preparation

[P2] Pingbang Hu, "Travel the Same Path: A Novel TSP Solving Strategy". In arXiv preprint

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EECS475 Introduction to Cryptography •

Michigan

Instructional Aide, College of Engineering, University of Michigan

Jan. 2023 - May. 2023

 $\circ\,$ An upper-level 100+ student course on the main CS track.

• Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design assignment and exam problems, grade and guide projects.

• Topics: Historic ciphers, perfect secrecy, symmetric encryption, message authentication, cryptographic hash functions, and public key encryption.

EECS572 Randomness and Computation ②

Michigan

Instructional Aide, College of Engineering, University of Michigan

Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2022

• A graduate-level 70+ student course on the M.S. theory CS track.

- $\circ\,$ Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design assignment and exam problems, grade and guide projects.
- Topics: Randomized algorithms, randomized complexity, Markov chains, random walks, expander graphs, pseudo-random generators, and hardness v.s. randomness

VV285 Honor Mathematics III 🔾

Shanghai, China

Teaching Assistant, UM-SJTU Joint Institute, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Mar. 2021 - Aug. 2021

• An undergraduate-level 150+ student course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.

- o Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design and grade assignments and exams.
- Topics: Linear systems of equations, vector spaces, Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization, topology of normed spaces, vector fields, higher derivatives, integration on curves and surfaces; Stokes theorem, the inverse and implicit function theorems
- $\circ\,$ Competition: Hold the 1^{st} UM-SJTU JIntegration Bee competition ${\bf Q}$.

VV186 Honor Mathematics II 😵

Shanghai, China

Teaching Assistant, UM-SJTU Joint Institute, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Sep. 2020 - Dec. 2020

- An undergraduate-level 200+ student course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.
- Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design and grade assignments and exams.
- Topics: Logic, set theory, sequences, convergence, completeness of metric spaces, convergence and continuity, derivative, normed vector spaces, sequences of functions, series and power series, Darboux and Riemann integrals

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

•	Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship First Prize (Ranked #2) among all HK, MC and TW students in Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Shanghai, China Oct. 2021
•	Undergraduate Excellent Scholarship Third Prize among all students in UM-SJTU Joint Institute	Shanghai, China Nov. 2020
•	Bao Gang Excellent Scholarship Second Prize (Ranked #3) among all Taiwan students in Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Shanghai, China Jun. 2020
•	Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship First Prize (Ranked #1) among all HK, MC and TW students in UM-SJTU Joint Institute	Shanghai, China Dec. 2019