# SIJIN CHEN

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### **EDUCATION**

## The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong SAR Sep. 2019 – Present

Bachelor of Science

- Major in Computer Science; Minor in Mathematics
- Cumulative GPA: **3.85**/4.00, Major GPA: **3.89**/4.00
- · Honors and Awards:

Dean's List, 2019-20 & 20-21

ELITE Stream Scholarship, 2019-20 & 20-21

Best Project Award of Summer Research Internship, 2020

## RESEARCH INTEREST

**Optimization theory**: nonconvex problems, convergence analysis, first-order methods, spectral methods, semidefinite programming, manifold optimization, mathematical topics in optimization, optimization in machine learning

### **PUBLICATION**

- 1. <u>Sijin Chen</u>, Xiwei Cheng, and Anthony Man-Cho So, *Joint Optimization of Community Detection and Group Synchronization via Generalized Power Method*. (ongoing)
- Wu Zheng, Weiliang Tang, <u>Sijin Chen</u>, Li Jiang, and Chi-Wing Fu, CIA-SSD: Confident IoU-Aware Single-Stage Object Detector from Point Cloud, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021. <a href="https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/AAAI/article/view/16470">https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/AAAI/article/view/16470</a>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Research on iterative methods for nonconvex optimization problems

supervised by Prof. Anthony Man-Cho So, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jun. 2021 - Present

- Proposed a generalized power method for the joint optimization of group synchronization and community detection
- Played a major role in mathematically proving the linear convergence guarantee for the algorithm, which sharply outperforms the state-of-the-art semidefinite relaxation method in respect of time complexity
- Utilized mathematical tools including matrix theory, random graph theory, numerical analysis, etc. to develop the results
- Wrote paper [1] to present the results obtained to the academia

# Research on 3D computer vision via deep learning

supervised by Prof. Philip Chi-Wing Fu, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jun. 2020 - Nov. 2020

- Cooperated with PhD researchers to design 3D convolutional neural networks with self-attention module and IoU-aware loss function for autonomous driving scenes
- Proposed efficient methods for data augmentation and network structure refinement, contributed substantial codes in Python, PyTorch, and CUDA for implementation and experiments
- Collaborated on the research paper [2] as my first research output
- Won the Best Project Award issued by the Faculty of Engineering

## LEADERSHIP

## Organizer and student lecturer

at WISE, a knowledge-sharing platform at the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jan. 2021 - Present

- Organized biweekly talks by inviting speakers from different disciplines and promoting the activity to the potential audience
- Created and maintained the official website via cooperation on GitHub with front-end and back-end technologies
- Gave three talks on nonconvex optimization, music theory, and basic topology to the audience from engineering background

## Academic conference attendance

at the 35-th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence

Feb. 2021

- · Attended as paper author, interacted with outstanding researchers worldwide during presentations and workshops
- Developed my understanding of up-to-date progress and problems of applied and theoretical aspects of AI research

# SKILLS

**Languages**: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (proficient: IELTS 8.0), Cantonese (conversational)

Programming: MATLAB, Python, PyTorch, C/C++, Java, LaTeX, Markdown, HTML/CSS

Computer: Linux, SSH, Microsoft Office