# Chao Xu

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### **Employment**

## National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo

## **Visiting Researcher**

6/2017-8/2017

Algorithms for the minimum violation problem

- Designed fast algorithms for a generalization of the graph cut and connectivity problem.
- Gave talks on algorithmic progress across Japan.

## Google, Mountain View

## **Software Engineer**

2/2013-8/2013

Google Analytics Backend

- Maintained the critical custom filter component. It is used by every single request to Google Analytics. Refactoring by introducing reflections. C++.
- Introduced algorithmic improvements to a load partition problem. Substantial running time reduction from  $O(n^2)$  to O(n). C++.
- Solved backward compatibility issues for customers by designing short regular expressions for common tasks. Haskell, Regex.

#### **Education**

#### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, IL

8/2013 – Expected 5/2018

- PhD in Computer Science, specializing in algorithms.
- Coursework: Machine Learning Theory; Distributed Systems; Algorithmic Game Theory; Approximation algorithms; Combinatorial optimization; Optimization in Networks

#### **Stony Brook University**

Stony Brook, NY

8/2009 - 8/2013

- B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics & Statistics with minor in Computer Science
- Coursework: Algorithms; Computational Geometry

#### **Technical Experience**

#### **Projects**

- **Peer-to-peer distributed lookup service** (2016). Implementation based on Chord. Handles insertion, deletion, node joins and node failures. Python.
- Connectivity and optimization algorithms in matroids (2015). Open source project. Implement connectivity and matroid intersection algorithms in SageMath as part of Google Summer of Code. Improved the running time for 4-connectivity computation from  $O(n^5)$  to  $O(n^{4.5}\sqrt{\log n})$ . Python, Cython, Advanced Mathematics.

#### **Languages and Technologies**

- Python; Haskell; APL; Java; C++; SQL
- Git; LaTeX;

#### **Additional Experience and Awards**

- Competitions:
  - ACM-ICPC Greater NY Region: 2nd place in 2012.
  - **Dyalog APL Problem solving competition:** 3rd prize in 2013 and 2014.
  - William Lowell Putnam competition: Rank 383 in 2010.
- **Teaching:** Lead discussion sessions of 6 algorithms courses.
- **Publications:** Multiple publications in top algorithms conference. 4 SODA, 1 ESA and 1 APPROX. Total 43 citations.
- Links:
  - GitHub: https://github.com/chaoxu
  - Blog: http://chaoxuprime.com