

## SHU Tian

Bachelor of Science

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Data Science and Technology (DSCT) and Computer Science (COSC) The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

#### **EDUCATION**

• The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, China 09/2020 – Present Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Technology (DSCT) and Computer Science (COSC) Cumulative Grade Average (CGA): 4.118/4.3; Ranking in DSCT Major: 1/45 (among top 5%); Top 2% among all HKUST students; Major Cumulated Grade Average (MCGA): 4.201/4.3.

**Relevant Coursework:** Applied Statistics (A+), Honors Probability (A+), Statistical Inference (A), Introduction to Algorithms (A+), Advanced Algorithms (A+), Combinatorial Optimization (A+), Machine Learning (A), Honors OOP and Data Structures (A+), Software Engineering (A+).

• Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich (ETH Zürich), Zürich, Switzerland

Mobility Student under the Department of Computer Science (D-INFK)

Cumulative Grade Average (CGA): 5.932/6.

**Relevant Coursework:** Data Modeling and Databases (6/6), Introduction to Graph Theory (6/6), Information Theory (6/6), Convex Optimization (5.75/6).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Subject: Theoretical Computer Science
- Fields of Interest: Parameterized Algorithms; Approximation Algorithms; Amortized Data Structures; Graph Theory; Information Theory; Combinatorial Optimization.
- Specific Topics of Interest
  - Fixed-parameter Tractable Algorithms for Graph Problems
  - Approximation Algorithms with Combinatorial Optimization Techniques
  - o Data Release Mechanisms in the context of User Differential Privacy

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

• Final Year Thesis on Differential Privacy, Participant
Ongoing research under the supervision of Professor Ke YI
Studied various adaptations of general mechanisms in the context of user differential privacy
Currently focused on Race-to-the-Top (R2T) and OPT<sup>2</sup> mechanisms for SJA queries with FKs
The mechanisms apply truncation with flexible threshold to attain downward-instance optimality
Attempting to speed up their employment in specific scenarios by approximating the objective
Formulated a greedy approximation with combinatorial proofs on privacy and utility guarantees

• HKUST UROP: Dynamic Maintenance of Alphabetic Search Trees, Participant 09/2022 - 12/2022 Conducted research under the supervision of Professor Mordecai Jay GOLIN Studied dynamic maintenance of optimal alphabetic search trees w.r.t. empirical access probability The heuristic employs a left-adjusted structure and performs rebuilds on sufficiently large subtrees Experimented and analyzed the performance of the heuristic on a wide range of access sequences Implemented an adjusted heuristic adopting a delayed rebuild strategy with a tunable tolerance Concluded with experiments that the adjusted heuristic is efficient towards low-density access sequences

• HKUST UROP: Efficient Queries over Database, Participant

O6/2022 - 08/2022

Conducted research under the supervision of Professor Raymond Chi-Wing WONG

Studied papers on architecture-intact distance and path oracle for dynamic spatial networks

Adapted Shortcut Supporting Graph (SS-Graph) in the context of Update Efficient (UE) oracle

Explored correlations between sufficient information for query and relation type vertices in SS-Graph

Proposed a more efficient update algorithm for UE oracle based on breadth-first search on SS-Graph

Further formulated a bulk-update algorithm with lazy-update for minor weight modifications

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: Chinese: Native; English: C1 Advanced, TOEFL 112, IELTS 7.5, GRE 328 (Quant 169/170).
- Professional Skills: Expert in C++ (Grade A+ in the Honors C++ and OOP course); Skilled in Python, Java, and R; Proficient with LATEX, Markdown, and Microsoft Word; Experienced in the design, analysis, and implementation of algorithms and data structures (Grade A+ in postgraduate-level courses related to Advanced Algorithms and Combinatorial Optimization).
- Soft Skills: Diligent and optimistic; Truthful and receptive in communication; Astute in critical thinking; Strong sense of responsibility; Cohesive and supportive in cooperation; Coordinated in time management; Adaptable to unfamiliar environments; Motivated and enthusiastic in study and research.

# HONORS AND AWARDS

• The 18 <sup>th</sup> HKUST Epsilon Fund Honorable Mention Award	2023
• Tin Ka Ping Exchange Scholarship	2023
• HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund – Reaching Out Award	2023
• HKUST Dean's List Award of 2022-23	2023
• HKUST Scholarship Scheme for Continuing Undergraduate Students	2022
• Chiaphua Industries Limited Scholarships for Chinese Mainland Undergraduate Students	2022
• HKUST Dean's List Award of 2021-22	2022
Mr Tommy Zau Jr Memorial Scholarship	2021
• HKUST Dean's List Award of 2020-21	2021
HKUST Admission Scholarship	2020
• Second Prize in the 36 <sup>th</sup> Chinese Physics Olympiad in Provinces	2019
• Bronze Medal in the 12 <sup>th</sup> Asia and Pacific Informatics Olympiad (China District)	2018
• First Prize in the 24 <sup>th</sup> Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics in Provinces (Senior Group)	2018
• First Prize in the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics in Provinces (Senior Group)	2017
• First Prize in the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics in Provinces (Junior Group)	2016
• First Prize in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics in Provinces (Junior Group)	2015

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- EPGL Summer Python Course 2022 Summer, Teaching Assistant 17/07/2022 30/07/2022 I served as a teaching assistant for the EPGL Summer Python Course offered by Center for Development of the Gifted and Talented (CDGT) at HKUST. The course was intended for secondary school students in Hong Kong. My role was to help prepare course materials, respond to queries, and provide feedback.
- HKUST MSSSUG Peer Mentor Program, Peer Mentor 06/2022 12/2022 I was a peer mentor for incoming freshmen in the program organized by HKUST Mainland Students and Scholars Society. My role was to organize gatherings and offer suggestions for course and major selection.
- Volunteer at West China Hospital of Sichuan University, Volunteer 02/02/2018 01/03/2018 I served as a patient inquiry volunteer at West China Hospital of Sichuan University (Huaxi Hospital). My role was to serve at the inquiry desk of the outpatient clinic, address patients' common inquiries, direct them to the appropriate departments, and offer assistance to those requiring extra support.
- School Team of Competitive Programming in Chengdu No.7 High School, Member 09/2016 03/2019

  I was selected as a member of the school team and studied the design and implementation of algorithms and data structures for competitive programming. My role was to attend training and participate in the Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics and other relevant competitions.