Da Wei (David) Zheng

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PhD candidate researching algorithms and data structures involving geometry and graphs.

Education

- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** — Champaign, IL
  PhD Computer Science (Theory) — *Aug 2020 - 2024/2025*
  Advisor: Timothy Chan
- **University of British Columbia** — Vancouver, BC
  MSC Computer Science (Theory) — *Sep 2018 - Aug 2020*
  Advisor: William Evans
  Thesis: Scheduling queries to moving entities to certify many are distant from a region
- **University of British Columbia** — Vancouver, BC
  BSC Combined Honours Mathematics and Computer Science — *Sep 2014 - May 2018*

Internships

- **Nuro** — Mountain View, CA
  PhD Intern, "Occlusion-aware autonomous driving" — *May 2022 - Aug 2022*
- **Google LLC** — Mountain View, CA
  Software Engineering Intern, "Querying payments change history" — *May 2018 - Aug 2018*
- **Facebook Inc.** — Menlo Park, CA
  Software Engineering Intern, "Integrating VMs in container service" — *Jun 2017 - Sep 2017*
- **Dr. Daniel Coomb's Applied Mathematics Lab** — University of British Columbia
  Research intern, "Graph based clustering for data analysis" — *May 2016 - Aug 2016*

Publications

- Timothy M Chan and Da Wei Zheng. Simplex range searching revisited: How to shave logs in multi-level data structures. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2210.10172*, 2022. To appear in SODA23.
- Sariel Har-Peled and Da Wei Zheng. Halving by a thousand cuts or punctures. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2208.11275*, 2022. To appear in SODA23.
- Timothy M Chan and Da Wei Zheng. Hopcroft's problem, log-star shaving, 2d fractional cascading, and decision trees. In *Proceedings of the 2022 Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)*, pages 190–210. SIAM, 2022.
- Jack Spalding-Jamieson, Brandon Zhang, and Da Wei Zheng. Conflict-based local search for minimum partition into plane subgraphs (cg challenge). In *38th International Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG 2022)*. Schloss Dagstuhl-Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, 2022.
- Paul Liu, Jack Spalding-Jamieson, Brandon Zhang, and Da Wei Zheng. Coordinated motion planning through randomized k-opt (CG challenge). In Kevin Buchin and Éric Colin de Verdière, editors, *37th International Symposium on Computational Geometry, SoCG 2021, June 7-11, 2021, Buffalo, NY, USA (Virtual Conference)*, volume 189 of *LIPIcs*, pages 64:1–64:8. Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, 2021.
- Da Wei Zheng, Jack Spalding-Jamieson, and Brandon Zhang. Computing low-cost convex partitions for planar point sets with randomized local search and constraint programming (CG challenge). In Sergio Cabello and Danny Z. Chen, editors, *36th International Symposium on Computational Geometry, SoCG 2020, June 23-26, 2020, Zürich, Switzerland*, volume 164 of *LIPIcs*, pages 83:1–83:7. Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum für Informatik, 2020.

Awards

- NSERC PGS-D Scholarship 2022
- NSERC Undergrad Summer Research Award 2016
- Trek Excellence Scholarship 2015
- Stanley M Grant Scholarship in Mathematics 2015
- Chancellor's Scholar Award 2014
- BC Provincial Examination Scholarship 2014

Teaching

- **Department of Computer Science** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
  Teaching Assistant
  - CS 374 - Algorithms and Models of Computation *Aug 2021 - Apr 2022*
- **Department of Computer Science and Mathematics** University of British Columbia
  Instructor
  - CPSC 490 - Problem Solving in Computer Science *Jan 2017 - Apr 2017*

  Teaching Assistant
  - CPSC 420 - Advanced Algorithms and Data Structures *Sep 2018 - May 2019*
  - CPSC 221 - Algorithms and Data Structures *Jun 2016 - Apr 2017*
  - MATH 180 - Differential Calculus with Physical Applications *Sep 2015 - Dec 2015*

Other

- **Competitive Programming Club** University of British Columbia
  Coach and Participant
  - *Coach* - Ran local practices, problem discussion, and coached teams. *Sep 2017 - Dec 2020*
    - Coached team to 1st in PacNW 2019, 2nd PacNW 2020. 25th place in ICPC WF 2020.
    - Created questions and hosted the UBC Programing Contest 2019 and 2020.
  - *Participant* - Worked as a team of three in competitions. *Jan 2015 - Jul 2019*
    - 1st place in PacNW 2018 and 41st place in ICPC World Finals 2019 in Porto.
    - 3rd place in PacNW 2017 and 56th place in ACM-ICPC World Finals 2018 in Beijing.
- **UBC Math Circle** University of British Columbia
  Organizer - weekly lectures and problems for high school students. *Sep 2017 - Nov 2017*
- **Capture the Flag (CTF) Competitions** Maple Bacon (UBC) & SIGPwny (UIUC)
  Participant *Aug 2021 - now*