# **Alexander Song**

EDUCATION University of California, Santa Barbara

September 2015 – September 2018

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

(GPA 4.0/4.0)

University of California, Berkeley

August 2009 – December 2013

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (highest distinction in general scholarship)

(GPA 4.0/4.0)

EXPERIENCE

#### UCLA Applied Math REU

June 2017 – August 2017

NSF REU Program at University of California, Los Angeles

• Studied a graph-based supervised learning method known as the MBO (Merriman-Bence-Osher) scheme and engineered a feature for detecting officer ego-action in police body-camera recordings.

# UCSB Math Summer Research Program

June 2016 – August 2016

NSF REU Program at University of California, Santa Barbara

• Conducted research in numerical linear algebra and matrix theory. Investigated the properties of block-symmetric linearizations of a matrix polynomial.

## Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship

July 2014 – July 2015

Gimcheon Dasu Elementary School, Gimcheon, South Korea

• Taught English as a foreign language at a Korean elementary school.

## UC Berkeley Summer Bridge Program

June 2011 – August 2011

Mathematics tutor and teaching assistant

• Tutored college freshmen individually and assisted in discussion section.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C++, Python, Bash

Tools: GDB, LATEX, MATLAB

Awards and Honors Phi Beta Kappa

December 2012

Dean's Honor List (UC Berkeley)

Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Cal Alumni Association Leadership Award

Fall 2009 – Spring 2010

Papers/ Publications **A. Song**, MBO Scheme for Graph-Based Learning: Theory and Application (unpublished senior thesis).

H. Chen, H. Li, A. Song, M. Haberland, O. Akar, A. Dhillon, T. Zhou, A.L. Bertozzi, J.P. Brantingham, First-Person Activity Recognition in Body-Worn Video (in preparation).

M. Bueno, J. Perez, M. Martin, A. Song, I. Viviano (2018). Explicit Block-Structures for Block-Symmetric Fiedler-like Pencils, Electronic Journal of Linear Algebra, Volume 34, pp. 472-499.

### Presentations

#### "Learning with the Laplacian"

May 7, 2018

UCSB Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Graduate Colloquium

• Presented the theory and application of spectral clustering, a form of unsupervised learning.

# "A Simplified Approach to Block-Symmetric Linearizations of a Matrix Polynomial." UCSB Summer Undergraduate and Graduate Research Colloquium August 11, 2016

• Presented original findings on block-symmetric linearizations of a matrix polynomial, receiving runner-up for "Best Student Poster" (with collaborators M. Martin and I. Viviano).

#### **Elevator Pitch Contest**

August 5, 2016

UCSB Undergraduate Research Competition

• Participated in a speech contest for presenting research to a non-specialist audience, receiving the popular (audience) vote for "Best Elevator Pitch".