

# Kevin Shu

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## Education

### PhD Student, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

August 2019-Present

- In the Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization program, under the Mathematics department.
- Advised by Greg Blekherman.
- Research interests mostly involve semidefinite programming and applications of sparse semidefinite programming to industrial applications.

B.S. in Mathematics, Computer Science, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, June 2018  
GPA 3.9

## Research Experience

### Research in Causality, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

Aug 2018-Jul 2019

- Developed theory of causality and developed bounds on probability distributions.
- Applied geometric and linear programming in search of bounds.
- Advised by Leonard Schulman.

### Research in Linguistics, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

Aug 2017-Jul 2018

- Explored connections between linguistics and physical models.
- Used algebraic geometry to compute phylogenetic trees.
- Advised by Matilde Marcolli.

## Work Experience

### Full-time Software Engineer, Google, Mountain View, CA

August 2018-July 2019

- Full stack web development for a data labelling service (Crowd-Compute)
- Lead an initiative to update authentication/authorization to more modern technologies.
- Added a major feature for tracking work in the system.
- Managed production releases and infrastructure issues.
- Worked with C++, Java.

### Software Engineering Intern, Google, Mountain View, CA

Aug 2018-Jul 2019

- Gathered data from online sources by parsing Reddit pages.
- Built a machine learning model to provide movie recommendations.
- Worked with C++, Python.

## Teaching Experience

### Linear Algebra Teaching Assistant, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA

Aug 2018-Dec 2018

- Graded homework and gave recitations in first year linear algebra course.
- Covered introductory linear algebra material.

### Advanced Algorithms Teaching Assistant, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

Jan 2018-Mar 2018

- Graded homework and gave recitations in graduate level algorithms course.
- Covered multiplicative weights learning, streaming algorithms, spectral graph theory, semidefinite programming.

**Linear Algebra Teaching Assistant**, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

Sep 2017-Dec 2017

- Graded homework for the applied linear algebra course, including topics like linear algebra, including spectral graph theory, polynomial interpolation, and principal components analysis.
- Gave 1 hour of office hours per week.

**Introduction to Algorithms Teaching Assistant**, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

Jan 2017-Mar 2017

- Graded homework and gave recitations in undergraduate level algorithms course.
- Covered graph algorithms, greedy algorithms, dynamic programming, matroids.

**Leadership Activities**

**Senior Class President**, Caltech, Pasadena, CA

2018-2019

- Organized 200 seniors for events such as class trips and senior gifts.
- Implemented a new resource scheduling system based on algorithmic techniques that made a process that used to take several days take only a couple hours.
- Organized rooms, dining, and transportation for over a hundred students for the class trip, including finding funding from a variety of sources in order to ensure the trip was possible.
- Acted as a liason between faculty and students.

**Board of Control Secretary**, Caltech

2017

- Handled issues relating to academic dishonesty across the school.
- Investigated cases of academic dishonesty .
- Determined, in 20 cases of academic dishonesty, what response was required by the school, in some cases involving student suspensions.
- Organized meetings, gathered evidence, and acted as liason between the faculty and students.

**Academic Honors**

2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Recipient

2018 Georgia Institute of Technology President's Fellowship Recipient

**Computer Skills**

Languages: C++, Java, Python  
Software: Flask server development, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X