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EDUCATION

- **University of Waterloo** Sep 2020 - Apr 2025
Bachelor of Mathematics (Honors Computer Science and Combinatorics & Optimization) Waterloo, CA
 - GPA: 90%
- **University of Waterloo** Sep 2025 - Current
MMath Combinatorics & Optimization, under supervision of Levent Tuncel Waterloo, CA
 - GPA: 99%

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Huawei Tech. R&D lab** May 2022 - Aug 2022, Jan 2023 - Apr 2023, Sep 2023 - Dec 2023
AI Compiler assistant engineer Markham, CA
 - Trained a NN model using PyTorch for compiler optimization decisions that resulted in a 4% increase in performance.
 - Investigated the pass ordering problem for innovation project and developed code to automate this process in the LLVM project.
 - Implemented [AI Enabled Pass Optimization \(ACPO\)](#) project interface inside the LLVM compiler.
 - Redesigned feature collection process and interface for ACPO that resulted in 2x speed up in the compilation time.
 - Developed a Function Inlining interface for ACPO invocation that leveraged ML model for decision making and resulted 12% potential speed up compared to traditional heuristic prediction.
- **Symbolic Computation Group, University of Waterloo** May 2024 - Sep 2024 (Full time), Sep 2024 - Aug 2025 (Part Time)
URA under supervision of George Labahn and Arne Storjohann Waterloo, CA
 - Studied and comprehended papers on algorithms related to randomized linear algebra on integer matrices, including the Smith and Hermite Normal Forms.
 - Implemented a Las Vegas Algorithm for computing the Smith Normal Form with multipliers and the Hermite Normal Form of an integer nonsingular matrix from a series of recently published papers co-authored by my supervisors.
 - Identified key slow downs and designed better sub-algorithms that resulted in speed up from 12 hours of computation to 5 min for matrices of size in the ten thousands with 20 or 30 integer digits.
 - Lastly, I've reimplemented everything in C for speed 3x speed up which can be find here <https://github.com/SmithMassager>.

PROJECTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **VPN project** May 2025
Tools: Xray, Nodejs, Firebase
 - Worked on the development of backend API requests, VPN server setup, frontend proxy setup, and the development of automation scripts.
- **Home server setup** 2021-current
Tools: Nix, i3wm, RDP, etc <https://github.com/deft-gur/dotfiles>
 - Setup a home server for SSH and RDP access. Used Nixos a declarative OS to specify system specification.
 - Linux enthusiast, started using i3 window manager with nvim as a mouse free developing env.

PREPRINT

- Ashouri, A. H., Manzoor, M. A., Vu, D. M., Zhang, R., Wang, Z., Zhang, A., ... Gao, Y. (2023). *ACPO: AI-Enabled Compiler-Driven Program Optimization*. Submitted to ACM Transactions on Architecture and Code Optimization. Preprint at arXiv:2312.09982.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- TA CO250, Introduction to Optimization Sept 2025 - Dec 2025
- TA CO456, Introduction to Game Theory Sept 2025 - Dec 2025

HONORS AND AWARDS

- University of Waterloo President's Scholarship of Distinction, \$2,000 2021
- Cheriton Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Cheriton School of Computer Science, \$7,500 2024