

# Derek Qin

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## EDUCATION

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**California Institute of Technology**, Pasadena, California *Sept 2020 - June 2024 (Anticipated)*

- B.S. Major: Computer Science, Minor: Information and Data Sciences; **GPA:** 4.0
- **Selected Coursework:** **CS:** Data Structures, Software Development, Computing Systems, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Learning Systems, Computer Vision; **Math:** Discrete Math, Linear Algebra, Statistics

## SKILLS

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- **Programming Languages:** C, C++, Java, JavaScript, Python, SQL (intro), MATLAB, HTML/CSS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$
  - **Tools:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn, Numpy, pandas, Git, FEniCS
  - **Frameworks:** React (intro), Django

## EXPERIENCE

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**Caltech Tensor Lab** Pasadena, CA  
*Machine Learning Researcher* *Winter 2021 - Present*

- Improved Fourier Neural Operator performance on PDEs with nonperiodic boundary conditions by up to 15% by designing a Fourier Continuation-based neural network [presentation link]
- Generated PDE dataset with less than 0.0001% error for the Darcy flow problem using FEniCS, a finite elements solver for Python

**Boston University Ludwig Lab** Boston, MA  
*Researcher* *Summer 2019 - Winter 2020*

- Developed computer vision analysis software using to speed up MOSS analysis and improve precision of surface stress measurements by up to 30%

## PROJECTS

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**Turtle Run [github]** C, SDL  
*Software Development* *February 2021 - June 2021*

- Created vector-based physics engine in C and 2D side scrolling game with full GUI rendered with SDL

**Phantom Traffic Jam Alleviation Using Networked Autonomous Cars** Python  
*Computer Science & Applied Mathematics* *August 2018 - April 2019*

- Created a differential microscopic traffic model to model flow rate and jam dissipation for bilateral and vehicle unit control, implemented and rendered in Python
- Implemented vehicle control pattern that decreases jam duration by 12.2% and increases flow rate by 18%

**Traffic Signal Control Simulation for Optimization of Vehicle Flow** Python, Google Maps API  
*Computer Science & Applied Mathematics* *August 2017 - March 2018*

- Developed signal management algorithm resulting in 18% average decrease in wait time, Monte Carlo simulation in Python

## LEADERSHIP

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**Association for Young Scientists and Innovators [website]** Plano, Texas  
*Vice President, Co-founder* *May 2019 - September 2020*

- Co-founded and led organization to mentor students in scientific research with over 400 members
- Organized AYSI Summer Coding Institute, which taught over 300 middle and high school students essential skills in MIT App Inventor and Machine Learning

## SELECTED AWARDS

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- USA Physics Olympiad, Medalist (National Top 200 Individuals) (2019)
  - Harvard-MIT Mathematics Tournament, Top 10 Team (2018)
  - 5x American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) Qualifier (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)