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Research Interests Algebraic graph theory, quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, equiangular lines, association schemes, covering graphs, graph embeddings

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow

January - Present

• Department of Mathematics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada Supervisor: Bojan Mohar

Previous Positions

York Science Fellow

Oct 2019 - September 2021

• Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada Supervisor: Ada Chan

Postdoctoral Fellow

Oct 2018 - Sep 2018

• Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC, Canada Supervisor: Luc Vinet

EDUCATION

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

• Ph.D. May 2014 - Sep 2018

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics

Thesis: Discrete Quantum Walks on Graphs and Digraphs

Supervisor: Chris Godsil

Thesis awards:

- University Finalist for the Governor General's Gold Medal
- Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize
- Master of Mathematics

Sep 2012 - Apr 2014

Department of Combinatorics and Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics

Thesis: Uniform Mixing on Cayley Graphs over \mathbb{Z}_3^d

Supervisor: Chris Godsil

Thesis award:

- Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies

Bachelor of Arts
 Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts

Jan 2010 - Aug 2012

Thesis: Second-Price Auction with Resale

Supervisor: Philip Curry

Xiamen University, Xiamen, Fujian, China

• Bachelor of Economics

Sep 2008 - Jun 2014

Department of Statistics, Faculty of Economics Thesis: Multi-Player Multi-State Quantum Games Supervisor: Zhengming Qian

Publications Journal Publications

- 1. A. Chan, B. Johnson, M. Liu, M. Schmidt, Z. Yin, H. Zhan, *Laplacian fractional revival on graphs*. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2021) 28(3): P3.22.
- 2. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Fractional revival and association schemes. Discrete Mathematics (2020) 343(11), 112018. doi:10.1016/j.disc.2020.112018
- 3. L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Perfect state transfer on weighted graphs of the Johnson scheme. Letter in Mathematical Physics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s11005-020-01298-6
- 4. H. Zhan, Quantum walks on embeddings. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2020). doi.org/10.1007/s10801-020-00958-z
- 5. H. Zhan, An infinite family of circulant graphs with perfect state transfer in discrete quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2019) 18(12): pp. 369.
- 6. G. Coutinho, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, A. Zhedanov. *Perfect state transfer in a spin chain without mirror symmetry*. Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical (2019) 52(45), pp. 455302.
- 7. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures*. Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (2019), pp. 181212.
- 8. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Quantum fractional revival on graphs. Discrete Applied Mathematics (2019) 269, pp. 86-98.
- 9. G. Coutinho, C. Godsil, K. Guo, H. Zhan, A new perspective on the average mixing matrix. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2018) 25(4): P4.14.
- 10. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Uniform mixing on Cayley graphs*. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2017) 24(3): P3.20.
- 11. G. Coutinho, C. Godsil, M. Shirazi, H. Zhan, Equiangular lines and covers of the complete graph. Linear Algebra and its Applications (2016) 488: pp. 264-283.
- 12. R. Alvir, S. Dever, B. Lovitz, J. Myer, C. Tamon, Y. Xu, H. Zhan. *Perfect state transfer in Laplacian quantum walk*. Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics (2016) 43(4): pp. 801-826.

Preprints

- 13. A. Chan, H. Zhan, Pretty good state transfer in discrete-time quantum walks. arXiv:2105.03762 (2021).
- 14. A. Chan, B. Johnson, M. Liu, M. Schmidt, Z. Yin, H. Zhan, Laplacian pretty good fractional revival. arXiv:2010.10465 (2020). Submitted.
- 15. H. Zhan, Factoring discrete quantum walks on distance regular graphs into continuous quantum walks. arXiv:2008.01224 (2020). Submitted.
- A. Chan, G. Coutinho, W. Drazen, O. Eisenberg, C. Godsil, G. Lippner, M. Kempton,
 C. Tamon, H. Zhan, Fundamentals of fractional revival in graph. arXiv:2004.01129 (2020). Submitted.

Book in Preparation

17. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, Discrete Quantum Walks. Submitted.

Supervision Experience

Undergraduate Research Programs

• Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program Jul 2 - Aug 28, 2020 Co-supervised an undergraduate research project with Ada Chan on Laplacian fractional revival. We have submitted two papers [1] and [14] as a result of this program.

Presentations Invited Talks

- 1. The average search probability in a quantum walk with an oracle. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 2, 2021.
- 2. Arc-reversal quantum walks. In: Discrete Math Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 24, 2021.
- 3. DRACKNs and their applications in quantum information. In: Codes and Expansions, United States, September 8, 2020.
- 4. Factoring discrete quantum walks into continuous quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, August 3, 2020.
- 5. Quantum fractional revival. In: Discrete Math Seminar, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, April 23, 2020.
- 6. New advances in quantum walks. In: AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings, Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, United States, January 15 18, 2020.
- 7. State transfer via orthogonal polynomials. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, United States, September 14 15, 2019.
- 8. Quantum state transfer in the algebra of the Johnson scheme. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, Canada, June 7 10, 2019.
- 9. Some elegant results in algebraic graph theory. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 28 31, 2019.
- Quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, and spectral graph theory. In: Quantum Walks and Information Tasks, Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery, Banff, AB, Canada, April 21 - 26, 2019.
- 11. Generating entanglement using quantum walks. In: David A. Walsh Seminar Series, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, February 8, 2019.
- 12. Some open problems in discrete quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Walks, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, April 23 27, 2018.
- 13. Recent progress in discrete quantum walks. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, United States, April 21 22, 2018, 2018.
- 14. Graph covers and equiangular frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States, March 16 18, 2018.

- 15. From covers to tight frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, United States, March 10 12, 2017.
- 16. Spectra of discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, June 24 27, 2016.
- 17. Lines and covers of complete graphs 2. In: Systems of Lines: Applications of Algebraic Combinatorics, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, United States, August 10 14, 2015.
- 18. Some open problems in uniform mixing. In: Summer Research Program, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, July 20, 2015.

Conference Talks

- 1. How far can the quantum walker go. In: 9th International Conference on Quantum Simulation and Quantum Walks, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques, Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhone, France, January 20 24, 2020.
- 2. Discrete quantum walks on Cayley graphs. In: CMS Winter Meeting, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 6 9, 2019.
- 3. The vertex-face walk. In: Finite Geometry and Extremal Combinatorics, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 21 24, 2019.
- 4. Combinatorial aspects of quantum walks. In: Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada, June 12 15, 2018.
- 5. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph embeddings. In: CMS Winter Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, December 8 11, 2017.
- 6. Quantum walks and mixing. In: Algebraic and Extremal Graph Theory, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 7 10, 2017.
- 7. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 12 15, 2017.
- 8. Uniform mixing in quantum walks. In: 22nd Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 16 17, 2014.

Teaching Experience

Online Graduate Courses

• Instructor Combinatorics and Quantum Walks Winter 2021

York University

• Instructor Winter 2020, Fall 2020 MATH 1014: Applied Calculus II (class size: 180 - 280)

University of Waterloo

• Instructor Winter 2018 MATH 135: Algebra for Honors Mathematics (class size: 60)

• Substitute Instructor Winter 2017

CO 444/644: Algebraic Graph Theory (class size: 20)

• Teaching Assistant 2012 - 2017

Algebraic Enumeration Algebraic Graph Theory

Calculus Coding Theory Introduction to Graph Theory Graph Theory Introduction to Combinatorics Linear Algebra

Portfolio Optimization Models Special Topics in Mathematical Connections

SERVICE Conference, Workshop and Seminar Organizer

• Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Information, Fields Institute 2021

• Quantum Information on Graphs, CMS Winter Meeting Dec 6 - 9, 2019

• Discrete Mathematics Seminar, York University Fall, 2019

• Algebraic Graph Theory Seminar, University of Waterloo Spring 2016, Fall 2017

Journal Refereeing

- Communications in Algebra
- Discrete Mathematics
- Electronic Journal of Combinatorics
- Journal of Combinatorial Theory A
- Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical
- Linear Algebra and Its Applications
- Linear and Multilinear Algebra

Conference Refereeing

- International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming
- Sampling Theory and Applications

Awards and DISTINCTIONS

University of Waterloo

• Dean's Honours List

2019
2019
2015
2014,2016,2017
2011-2012
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