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RESEARCH INTERESTS Algebraic graph theory, quantum walks, orthogonal polynomials, equiangular lines, association schemes, covering graphs, graph embeddings

CURRENT POSITION

York Science Fellow

Oct 2019 - Present

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

Previous Positions

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 - Sept 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
- First Place in the Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize Competition
- 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:

• Bachelor of Arts

- Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies

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Jan 2010 - Aug 2012

Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts

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. H. Zhan, An infinite family of circulant graphs with perfect state transfer in discrete quantum walks. Quantum Information Processing (2019) 18(12): pp. 369.
- 2. 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 52(45) (2019), pp. 455302.
- 3. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures*. Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A (2019), pp. 181212.
- 4. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Quantum fractional revival on graphs. Discrete Applied Mathematics (2019) 269, pp. 86-98.
- 5. 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.
- 6. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, *Uniform mixing on Cayley graphs*. Electronic Journal of Combinatorics (2017) 24(3): P3.20.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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**

- 9. A. Chan, G. Coutinho, C. Tamon, L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Fractional revival and association schemes. arXiv:1907.04729 (2019). Submitted.
- 10. L. Vinet, H. Zhan, Perfect state transfer on weighted graphs of the Johnson scheme. arXiv:1904.08838 (2019). Submitted.
- 11. H. Zhan, Quantum walks on embeddings. arXiv:1711.08831 (2017). Submitted.

#### **Book in Preparation**

12. C. Godsil, H. Zhan, Discrete Quantum Walks.

#### PRESENTATIONS Invited Talks

- 1. State transfer via orthogonal polynomials. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, United States, September 14 15, 2019.
- 2. Quantum state transfer in the algebra of the Johnson scheme. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Regina, Regina, SK, Canada, June 7 10, 2019.
- 3. Some elegant results in algebraic graph theory. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 28 31, 2019.
- 4. 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.

- 5. Generating entanglement using quantum walks. In: David A. Walsh Seminar Series, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, February 8, 2019.
- 6. Some open problems in discrete quantum walks. In: Algebraic Graph Theory and Quantum Walks, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, April 23 27, 2018.
- 7. Recent progress in discrete quantum walks. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, United States, April 21 22, 2018, 2018.
- 8. Graph covers and equiangular frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States, March 16 18, 2018.
- 9. From covers to tight frames. In: AMS Sectional Meeting, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, United States, March 10 12, 2017.
- 10. Spectra of discrete quantum walks. In: CMS Summer Meeting, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, June 24 27, 2016.
- 11. 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.
- 12. Some open problems in uniform mixing. In: Summer Research Program, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, United States, July 20, 2015.

#### Conference Talks

- 1. Discrete quantum walks on Cayley graphs. In: CMS Winter Meeting, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, December 6 9, 2019.
- 2. The vertex-face walk. In: Finite Geometry and Extremal Combinatorics, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 21 24, 2019.
- 3. Combinatorial aspects of quantum walks. In: Prairie Discrete Math Workshop, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada, June 12 15, 2018.
- 4. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph embeddings. In: CMS Winter Meeting, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, December 8 11, 2017.
- 5. Quantum walks and mixing. In: Algebraic and Extremal Graph Theory, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, United States, August 7 10, 2017.
- 6. Discrete-time quantum walks and graph structures. In: Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Canada, June 12 15, 2017.
- 7. Uniform mixing in quantum walks. In: 22nd Ontario Combinatorics Workshop, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 16 17, 2014.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## York University

• Instructor
MATH 1014: Applied Calculus II

Winter 2020

#### University of Waterloo

• Instructor Winter 2018

MATH 135: Algebra for Honors Mathematics

• Substitute Instructor Winter 2017

CO 444/644: Algebraic Graph Theory

• Teaching Assistant 2012 – 2017

Algebraic Enumeration Algebraic Graph Theory

Calculus Coding Theory
Introduction to 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 May 4 - 8, 2020

• 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 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

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### University of Waterloo

• Graduate Research Assistant

2014 - 2016

Generated data on continuous and discrete quantum walks, and created websites introducing average mixing matrices, periodic vertices and strongly cospectral vertices

# AWARDS AND DISTICTIONS

# University of Waterloo

• University Finalist for the Governor General's Gold Medal 2019

• First Place in the Inaugural Mathematics Doctoral Prize Competition 2019

• Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies 2015

• Cotton Family Women in Mathematics Graduate Scholarship 2014, 2016, 2017

• Faculty of Arts Upper-Year Scholarship 2011-2012

• Robin K. Banks Scholarship 2011-2012