# Ivan Zhao

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts & Sciences - Philadelphia, PA

May 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science

Bachelor of Arts in Biology

Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.00

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Java, Python, C++, R, MySQL, MongoDB, Neo4J, JavaScript, React, Node.js, HTML, CSS, LaTeX, Git, Unix, SageMath.

#### **RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

**Computer Science**: Algorithms and Data Structures, Database and Information Systems, Software Engineering and Design, Programming Languages & Techniques, Architecture, Discrete Mathematics, Computability & Complexity.

**Math**: Multivariable Calculus, Vector Calculus, Linear Algebra, Statistics and Probability.

Business: Microeconomics I, Macroeconomics I.

#### **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

Cereal4Dinner (Nonprofit Startup) | Full Stack Engineer | Philadelphia, PA

January 2023 - Present

- Worked in a team to build a web application that provides resources to those dealing with depression.
- Utilized technologies such as React, Node.js, MongoDB.
- Designed user stories, user flow diagrams, sequence diagrams, wireframes/prototypes, and API documentation.
- Implemented features such as login, registration, goals setter, resource directory, etc.

## **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**| Researcher | Philadelphia, PA

September 2021 - December 2022

- Developed informatics, heatmaps, scatterplots, and jitter plots, in R to analyze methylation data.
- Worked on projects for the development of tools, and signature constructions, useful for epigenetic research.
- Collected methylation data by extracting DNA from mice.

## **PROJECTS**

Vacation Planner | Database and Information Systems class project | Philadelphia, PA March 2023 - May 2023

- Collaborated in team of 4 to design a tool in JavaScript and SQL that helps users plan their next vacation.
- Developed a search feature with various filters for flights using a relational database of 70,000 rows of flight data.
- Optimized queries to improve runtime and cost by analyzing the Explain Plan of our queries.

Kirchhoff's Matrix Tree Theorem | Linear Algebra class project | Philadelphia, PA

**April 2023 - May 2023** 

- Worked with a partner to study Kirchhoff's Matrix Tree Theorem.
- Used SageMath to write functions that demonstrated the application of Matrix Tree Theorem.
- Wrote paper consolidating proofs, properties, and theorems related to the Matrix Tree Theorem.

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Science Olympiad at Penn | Event Supervisor | Philadelphia, PA

August 2020 - May 2021

- Worked in a team of 3 to develop a Science Olympiad event/challenge in microbiology for high schoolers.
- Peer reviewed and commented on other events created by separate teams in the organization.
- Wrote more than 30 well thought out questions for our event and developed a flawless answer key.

## **HONORS**

Dean's List

August 2021 - May 2023

• Maintained a GPA above 3.7 with no incompletes during sophomore and junior year.