# Lichen Zhang

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#### EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D in Applied Mathematics, Advisor: Jonathan Kelner

Cambridge, MA

Carnegie Mellon University

M.S. in Computer Science, Advisor: Gary Miller

June 2021 – May 2022 Pittsburgh, PA

Sep 2022 - May 2027 (expected)

Carnegie Mellon University

B.S. in Computer Science

Aug 2017 – May 2021 Pittsburgh, PA

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Sketching, sampling and streaming.

- Differential privacy.
- Optimization.

### Publications (Author names in Alphabetical order)

Convex Minimization with Integer Minima in  $\widetilde{O}(n^4)$  Time

- Haotian Jiang, Yin Tat Lee, Zhao Song and Lichen Zhang
- To appear in the 35th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA 2024)
- arxiv link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2304.03426.pdf

Sketching Meets Differential Privacy: Fast Algorithm for Dynamic Kronecker Projection Maintenance

- Zhao Song, Xin Yang, Yuanyuan Yang and Lichen Zhang
- Published in the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2023)
- arxiv link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2210.11542.pdf

Sketching for First Order Method: Efficient Algorithm for Low-Bandwidth Channel and Vulnerability

- Zhao Song, Yitan Wang, Zheng Yu and Lichen Zhang
- Published in the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2023)
- arxiv link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2210.08371.pdf

A Nearly-Optimal Bound for Fast Regression with  $\ell_{\infty}$  Guarantee

- Zhao Song, Mingquan Ye, Junze Yin and Lichen Zhang
- Published in the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2023)

Space-Efficient Interior Point Method, with applications to Linear Programming and Maximum Weight Bipartite Matching

- S. Cliff Liu, Zhao Song, Hengjie Zhang, Lichen Zhang and Tianyi Zhou
- Published in the 50th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP 2023)
- arxiv link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.06106.pdf

An Online and Unified Algorithm for Projection Matrix Vector Multiplication with Application to Empirical Risk Minimization

- Lianke Qin, Zhao Song, Lichen Zhang and Danyang Zhuo
- Published in the 26th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2023)
- link: https://proceedings.mlr.press/v206/qin23a/qin23a.pdf

Dynamic Tensor Product Regression

- Aravind Reddy, Zhao Song and Lichen Zhang
- Published in the 36th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2022)
- arxiv link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2210.03961.pdf

Fast Sketching of Polynomial Kernels of Polynomial Degree

- Zhao Song, David P. Woodruff, Zheng Yu, and Lichen Zhang
- Published in the 38th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2021).
- arxiv link: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2108.09420.pdf

## Teaching

CMU 15-155 The Computational Lens	Jan 2022 – May 2022
• Instructor: Professor Pravesh Kothari and Professor Anil Ada	
CMU 15-455 Undergraduate Complexity Theory  • Instructor: Professor Prayesh Kothari	Jan 2021 – May 2021
EXPERIENCE	
<ul> <li>Visiting Student at Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing</li> <li>Data Structures and Optimization for Fast Algorithms program</li> <li>Host: Zhao Song</li> </ul>	Aug 2023 – Dec 2023
Research Scientist Intern at Adobe Inc. (Adobe Research)  • Mentor: Ritwik Sinha, Zhao Song, Raghavendra Addanki	May 2023 – Aug 2023
Research Assistant at University of Washington • Advisor: Yin Tat Lee	Jun 2022 – Aug 2022
<ul> <li>Undergraduate Research Assistant at Carnegie Mellon University</li> <li>Advisor: Gary Miller</li> <li>Supported by CMU Summer Undergradate Research Fellowship (SURF).</li> </ul>	May 2020 – Aug 2020
Services	
External Reviewer  • AISTSTS 2024, ICLR 2024, NeurIPS 2023, AISTATS 2023, SODA 2023	
Awards & Honors	
MIT Reitano Fellowship	Sep 2022 – Aug 2023
CMU Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship	May 2020 – Aug 2020