

# Li Chen 陳力

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## Education

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- Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA, US *August 2019 - May 2023 (Expected)*  
— Ph.D. in Algorithms, Combinatorics and Optimization (ACO)/ Computer Science  
— Advisor: Dr. Richard Peng  
— G.P.A. 4.0/4.0
- National Taiwan University**, Taipei, Taiwan *September 2014 - July 2018*  
— B.S. in Computer Science and Information Engineering (CSIE)  
— Overall G.P.A. 4.20/4.30, Major G.P.A. 4.29/4.30, Rank: 2/103

## Research Interest

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Algorithms and data structures. Specifically, designing fast algorithms for large problem instances.

## Publication

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- **Li Chen**, Richard Peng, Di Wang.  $\ell_2$ -norm Flow Diffusion in Near-Linear Time. In FOCS 2021. (arxiv:2105.14629)
  - **Li Chen**, Gramoz Goranci, Monika Henzinger, Richard Peng and Thatchaphol Saranurak. *Fast Dynamic Cuts, Distances and Effective Resistances via Vertex Sparsifiers*. In FOCS 2020. (arxiv:2005.02368)

## Awards and Honors

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- 2nd place**, ICPC North America Championship *2020*  
**Champion**, ICPC Southeast USA Regional *2019*  
**Fourteenth Place**, ACM ICPC World Finals *2018*  
**Champion**, ACM ICPC Asia Hualien Regional *2017*  
**Champion**, National Collegiate Programming Contest of Taiwan *2014-2015, 2017*  
**Presidential Award (awarded to students ranking top 5%)**, National Taiwan University *2014-2015*  
**Bronze Medalist**, International Olympiad in Informatics *2013*

## Scholarships

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- Government Scholarship to Study Abroad**, Ministry of Education, Taiwan *2020*  
**IDEaS and TRIAD Research Scholarship**, Georgia Tech *2020*

## Experience

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- Software Engineering Intern**, Google, Kirkland, WA *Jul 2018 - Sep 2018*  
- Worked on Search Ads 360 data pipeline.
- Research Assistant**, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, *June 2017 - Jan 2019*  
- Studying various 1st order methods for large-scale logistic regression. Focusing on their competitive performance on CTR (Click-Through-Rate) prediction task.  
- Advisor: Prof. Chih-Jen Lin
- Research Assistant**, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, *July 2016 - July 2018*  
- Worked on various fundamental problems on *planar graphs*, such as minimum *st* cut and shortest non-crossing paths.  
- Obtained an  $O(n \log \log n)$ -time algorithm for the shortest non-crossing paths problem on planar graphs. This improves over the  $O(n \log n)$ -bound obtained 2 decades ago. A similar result was obtained independently in Alex Steiger's master's thesis. (link: <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/98345>).  
- Advisor: Prof. Hsueh-I Lu
- Software Engineering Intern**, Mixerbox, Taipei, Taiwan *Apr 2017 - Jul 2017, Sep 2017 - Feb 2018*

- Worked on content generation of the landing page and artist pages of the music app Mixerbox by machine learning tools. Since the app has an enormous number of users (over *100 million* downloads and *1 million* daily active users), we designed efficient methods to do the job.

**Quantitative Research Intern**, *WorldQuant, Taipei, Taiwan* *Aug 2017 - Sep 2017*

- Developed quantitative financial models using a stock market simulation system (WebSim).

**Software Engineering Intern**, *Google, Taipei, Taiwan* *July 2016 - Sep 2016*

- Worked on Android's boot loader. Speed up an essential procedure to gather hardware information in boot loader. More details: <https://source.android.com/devices/architecture/dto/optimize>

**Network Management Group**, *National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan* *Feb 2015 - Aug 2017*

- Assisted in managing and improving the network environment of CSIE department in NTU which has hundreds of users per day.

- Advisor: Prof. Hsin-Mu Tsai

## Teaching Experience

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**Teaching Assistant**, *Advanced Algorithms (CS 4540)*, Georgia Tech *Fall 2020*

**Teaching Assistant**, *Automata and Complexity Theory (CS 4510)*, Georgia Tech *Spring 2020*

**Teaching Assistant**, *Algorithm Design and Analysis*, National Taiwan University *Fall 2018*

**Teaching Assistant**, *Data Structure and Algorithm*, National Taiwan University *Spring 2018*

- Held and designed educational activities for students to familiarize with course material.

**Lecturer**, *IOIcamp*, National Taiwan University *Winter 2016, 2017*

- A training camp for high school and college students on competitive programming.

- Taught advanced data structures and efficient polynomial operations.

**Lecturer**, *Sprout*, National Taiwan University *Mar - Jun 2015, 2016*

- A long-term program teaching talented high school students computer science.

- Taught basic C/C++ and Python programming.

## Synergistic Activity

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Judging the ICPC Taipei Regional Contest, National Taiwan University *Fall 2018*

Organizing a stand for LIBSVM at Future Tech Exhibition, Taipei World Trade Center *Winter 2017*

Judging the Taiwanese team selection contest for International Olympiad in Informatics *Spring 2015*

## Proficient Skills

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### Programming Languages

\* C/C++, Java, Python, Haskell, Javascript, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X