Li Chen
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Education

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

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

Publication

- **Li Chen**, Richard Peng, Di Wang. *ℓ_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

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

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

Experience

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 graph*s, 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

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

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

Programming Languages

    * C/C++, Java, Python, Haskell, Javascript, LaTeX