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EDUCATION

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Aug. 2020 - Present

Ph.D. in Computer Science

• Current GPA: 4.79/5.0

• Selected Scholarships & Awards: Research Scholarship, Research Incentive Award

Harbin Engineering University, China

Aug. 2016 - June 2020

B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

• Core Course GPA: 3.84/4.0

Selected Scholarships & Awards: Excellent Graduation Thesis - Awarded to top 2% of the cohort
 National Incentive Scholarship - Awarded to top 2% of the cohort
 Gold Medal of ACM-ICPC Chinese Collegiate Programming Contest - Nationwide competition with 420 participants
 Silver Medal of ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Contest × 2 - Asian-wide competition with 373 & 298 teams participating, resp.
 Bronze Medal of ACM-ICPC Asia-East Continent Final - Asian-wide competition with 374 teams participating

WORK EXPERIENCE

Institute of Science and Technology, Austria

Oct. 2024 - Present

Visiting Scientist (Algorithm, Geometry & Topology Group), hosted by Herbert Edelsbrunner

- Topics: Geometric Optimization and Topological Data Analysis
- Achievements: Developed and contributed to two open-sourced libraries, and finished two academic papers

National University of Singapore, Singapore

July 2019 – July 2020

Research Intern (Geometry & Graphics Lab), hosted by Tiow-Seng Tan

- Topics: Digital Geometry and GPU Computing
- · Achievements: Developed three open-sourced libraries, and published one academic paper

SKILLS

Programming: C/C++, CUDA, Python, Java, C#

Libraries & Tools: CGAL, Unity Engine, PyTorch, MPI/OpenMP, LaTeX

Languages: English (professional), Chinese (native)

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Research Focus: Convex Optimization, Computational Geometry, Topological Data Analysis, GPGPU

- Symmetric Cone Eigenvalue Optimization: Expressivity and Algorithms through Equilibrium Computation
 Jiaqi Zheng and Antonios Varvitsiotis
- Approximation Algorithms for Smallest Intersecting Balls

Jiaqi Zheng and Tiow-Seng Tan

• A Primal-Dual Algorithmic Framework for Symmetric Cone Programming

Jiaqi Zheng, Antonios Varvitsiotis, Tiow-Seng Tan, Wayne Lin

Multiplicative Updates for Online Convex Optimization over Symmetric Cones

Ilayda Canyakmaz, Wayne Lin, Georgios Piliouras, Antonios Varvitsiotis, Jiaqi Zheng (α - β order)

· Computing Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation Using the GPU

Jiaqi Zheng and Tiow-Seng Tan

ACM SIGGRAPH Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics and Games (I3D), 2020

SELECTED PROJECTS

LIBSIB: The first library for computing Smallest Intersecting Balls in arbitrary dimensions

- · Capable of solving the problem for various types of input objects such as convex polytopes, balls, and ellipsoids
- The problem is related to many important problems such as SVM and SVDD in machine learning

Periodica: The most efficient library for analyzing periodic point sets in 2D and 3D spaces

Descriptions

PDSCP: A novel algorithmic framework for Symmetric Cone Programming (which generalizes LP, SDP, and SOCP)

- Has been applied to develop efficient parallel algorithms for Smallest Enclosing Ball and Support Vector Machine
- Outperforms the best commercial conic programming solvers IBM Cplex and Gurobi in these two tasks

PosLP: A library for computing Positive Linear Programs using GPU

• Implements and improves the massively parallel algorithms for PosLP

PBA+ (★ 74): The most efficient open-sourced library for computing 2D and 3D Digital Voronoi Diagrams on GPU

- Processes very large-scaled input images (up to $32K \times 32K$ pixels) in the order of hundreds of milliseconds
- The source code has been integrated into game engines and motion-planning projects

gCVT (*39): An open-sourced library for computing 2D and 3D Centroidal Voronoi Tessellations (CVT) on GPU

· Adopts the over-relaxed Lloyd's method for minimizing the objective function and outperforms existing optimizers

Surface Remesher (★ 40): An open-sourced project for optimizing *Surface Meshes* using 2D Centroidal Voronoi Tessellations

· Refining and simplifying triangulated surface meshes using parameterization and CVTs

TEACHING & MENTORING

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Jan. 2021 - Present

Teaching Assistant in Department of Computer Science

- Teaching Courses: Programming Methodology, Introduction to 2D Game Development
- Roles: Conducting tutorials and consultations Received positive feedback every year