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Work experience

2024-present Fellow by Examination (JRF), Magdalen College, University of Oxford, UK.

Subject: Computer Science

2023–2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Saarland University, Germany.

Department of Mathematics, advisor: Laurent Bartholdi

2021/2020 Research Intern, Laboratoire Informatique de l'Ecole Polytechnique, France.

Education

2021–2023 **DPhil, Computer Science**, *University of Oxford*, UK.

- Thesis title: Algorithmic Problems for Subsemigroups of Infinite Groups.

- Supervisors: Christoph Haase, James Worrell.

2020–2021 MSc, Parisian Master of Research in Computer Science MPRI, Université de Paris, France.

2017–2021 **Diplôme d'Ingénieur**, Ecole Polytechnique, France.

2014–2018 BSc, Mathematics, Peking University, China.

Awards and Honours

EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award 2023.

Kleene Award for the Best Student Paper, LICS 2023.

Best Student Paper Award (Track B), ICALP 2023.

Publications and Preprints

Preprints

Ruiwen Dong. Submonoid Membership in n-dimensional lamplighter groups and S-unit equations. arXiv preprint arXiv:2409.07077, 2024.

Corentin Bodart and Ruiwen Dong. The Identity Problem in virtually solvable matrix groups over algebraic numbers. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.02264*, 2024.

Peer-reviewed articles

Ruiwen Dong. Linear equations with monomial constraints and decision problems in abelian-by-cyclic groups. In *36th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)*, 2025. To appear.

Laurent Bartholdi, Ruiwen Dong, Leon Pernak, and Jan Philipp Wächter. Equations in wreath products. *Semigroup Forum*, 2024. Invited paper, to appear.

Ruiwen Dong. Semigroup algorithmic problems in metabelian groups. In *56th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC)*, 2024.

Ruiwen Dong. The Identity Problem in nilpotent groups of bounded class. In 35th Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), 2024.

Ruiwen Dong, Stephen Melczer, and Marc Mezzarobba. Computing error bounds for asymptotic expansions of regular P-recursive sequences. *Mathematics of Computation*, 2024.

Ruiwen Dong. Recent advances in algorithmic problems for semigroups. *ACM SIGLOG News*, 2023. Invited paper.

Ruiwen Dong. Termination of linear loops under commutative updates. In *Proceedings of the 2023 International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation (ISSAC)*, 2023.

Ruiwen Dong. The Identity Problem in $\mathbb{Z} \wr \mathbb{Z}$ Is Decidable. In 50th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming (ICALP), 2023. Best Student Paper Award for Track B.

Ruiwen Dong. The Identity Problem in the special affine group of \mathbb{Z}^2 . In 38th Annual ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS), 2023. Kleene Award for the Best Student Paper.

Ruiwen Dong, Christian Goodbrake, Heather A. Harrington, and Gleb Pogudin. Differential elimination for dynamical models via projections with applications to structural identifiability. *SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry*, 2023.

Ruiwen Dong. Solving homogeneous linear equations over polynomial semirings. In 40th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS), 2023.

Ruiwen Dong. Semigroup intersection problems in the Heisenberg Groups. In 40th International Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS), 2023. Journal version: SIAM J. Discret. Math.

Ruiwen Dong. On the Identity Problem for unitriangular matrices of dimension four. In 47th International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS), 2022.

Conference and seminar talks

= conference contributions
 = seminar and workshop talks

Semigroup algorithmic problems in metabelian groups, short version.

STOC 2024, Vancouver, Canada

June 2024

Decision problems in sub-semigroups of metabelian groups, long version.

 Séminaire "Groupes et Géométrie", University of Geneva, Switzerland 	March 2024
o Group theory seminar, Ecole Normale Supérieure, France	November 2023
 AG1 Mittagsseminar, MPI for Informatics, Germany 	June 2023
 Logic Advanced Class, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, UK 	May 2023

The Identity Problem in nilpotent groups of bounded class, short version.

SODA 2024, Alexandria, USA

January 2024

On the Identity Problem for unipotent matrix groups of nilpotency class at most ten, long version.

Verification series seminar, University of Liverpool, UK

May 2022

Decidability problems in infinite semigroups.

 Automata theory seminar, University of Warsaw, Poland 	November 2023
o Algorithmic Aspects of Dynamical Systems, Bellairs Research Institute, Barbados	May 2023

Termination of linear loops under commutative updates.

• ISSAC 2023, Tromsø, Norway

July 2023

The Identity Problem in $\mathbb{Z} \wr \mathbb{Z}$ is decidable.

• ICALP 2023, Paderborn, Germany

July 2023

The Identity Problem in the special affine group of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

LICS 2023, Boston, USA

June 2023

Semigroup intersection problems in the Heisenberg Groups.

STACS 2023, Hamburg, Germany

March 2023

Solving homogeneous linear equations over polynomial semirings.

• STACS 2023, Hamburg, Germany

March 2023

On the Identity Problem for unitriangular matrices of dimension four.

RP 2022, MPI-SWS Kaiserslautern, Germany
 OFCOURSE series, MPI-SWS Kaiserslautern, Germany
 MFCS 2022, Vienna, Austria
 IRIF verification seminar, Paris, France
 October 2022
 March 2022

Conferences: SODA, ICALP, LICS, STACS, MFCS. Journals: SICOMP, Inf. Comput., TACON

A new algorithm for finding the input-output equations of differential models.

Reviewing work

October 2020

Languages

ChineseNative, C2EnglishFluent, C2FrenchFluent, C2RussianProficient, C1PolishProficient, C1GermanIntermediate, B2

Turkish Intermediate, B1

Programming languages and software

o MAX team seminar, Ecole Polytechnique, France

Python, Julia, C, C++, Java, R, Sage