# Zhuo Zhang

## Education

- Aug 2021 B.S. in Mathematics, Minor in Computer Science,
  - May 2025 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Champaign
    - O GPA: 4.0
    - Edmund J. James Scholar, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
    - Dean's List

# Graduate Courses Taken

- Spring 2023 Abstract Algebra, Real Analysis
  - Fall 2023 Differentiable Manifolds, Complex Variables, Analytic Number Theory, Homotopy Theory (Reading Course)

## Publications and Presentations

- Oct 2023 On the Distribution of Primes, UIUC Analytic Number Theory Course, 3 talks, 90 minutes each
- Aug 2023 An Introduction to Bordism Homology, UChicago Math REU, 25 minute talk
- Dec 2022 Alex Jin, Shreyas Singh, Zhuo Zhang, AJ Hildebrand, *On the Continued Fraction Expansion of Almost All Real Numbers*, 17 pp., submitted to *Involve*
- Sep 2022 Continued Fractions and the Gauss-Kuzmin Distribution, UIUC Undergraduate Friday Seminar, 60 minute talk
- Aug 2022 On the Continued Fraction Expansion of Random Real Numbers, Young Mathematician Conference, 25 minute talk
- Jun 2022 Hecke Algebras and Kazhdan-Lusztig Polynomials, UIUC ICLUE Seminar, 120 minute talk

# Research Experiences

- June 2023 UChicago Math Summer REU Program,
  - Aug 2023 Mentors: Peter May & Mark Behrens, UChicago
    - Learned higher algebraic topology and differential topology.
    - Wrote an expository paper on a geometric treatment of bordism homology.
    - O Gave a final presentation of the work done in the REU.
  - Jan 2023 Independent Research Project at Honors Seminar,
  - May 2023 Mentor: Bruce Reznick, UIUC
    - Defined a special class of primes known as "Z-primes."
    - Studied the properties of Z-primes and their special primitive roots.
    - Wrote a paper and proposed a conjecture about the asymptotic density of such special primitive roots, providing a heuristic argument.
    - Collected numerical data to support the conjecture.

Jan 2022 - Illinois Geometry Lab Research Project (IGL),

Dec 2022 Mentor: AJ Hildebrand, UIUC

- O Studied the Gauss-Kuzmin distribution underlying simple continued fraction expansion of random real numbers.
- $\circ$  Collected data on the distribution of continued fraction digits of  $\pi$ .
- Wrote a paper
- Presented the results of this work at seminars and local and national conferences.

## May 2022 - Representation Theory Summer Program,

Jul 2022 Mentor: Alexander Yong, UIUC

- O Learned representation theory of finite groups and related topics in algebraic combinatorics.
- Collaborated with team members to create 60 pages of LaTeX notes on representation theory.
- Gave a 2-hour presentation on Hecke algebras and Kazhdan-Lusztig polynomials.

# Leadership Experiences

## Aug 2022 - President of the Illinois Geometry Lab Outreach Program, UIUC

- Present O Reach out to children and students from local communities and present to them interesting topics in mathematics.
  - Introduce technologies involving math to students, such as 3D printing.
  - Organize various outreach events and social events.
  - Coordinate the work between group members.

#### Aug 2022 – James Scholar Mentor, UIUC

- Dec 2022 O Mentored two first-year James Scholar honors students in mathematics.
  - Organized mentorship meetings, study sessions and Q&A sessions to guide the mentees and help them have a smooth transition to college.
  - Helped the mentees find resources for undergraduate research in mathematics and physical sciences.

## Skills

Languages Chinese (Native), English (Proficient)

Programming Python (Proficient), C++ (Proficient), Mathematica (Proficient), LaTeX (Proficient), Java (Intermediate)

#### Honors and Awards

Apr 2023 LAS Get Experience Scholarship

Mar 2023 Lewis C. Hack Scholarship

Aug 2021 - Edmund J. James Scholar

Present