Zach Siegel

Coder and Teacher

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Me

I am passionate about optimization. I like to bring together recent and proven technologies to create solutions that help people. I also strive for freedom and dignity for all people, and actively contribute to several volunteer organizing projects in LA, including the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition and IfNotNow.

Education

Pomona College

BA in Mathematics, 2014. Computer Science minor. GPA 3.63.

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Mathematics Department, Spring 2013.

Career

STEM Tutor at Tutor Me LA

June 2016 - present

Private tutoring of UCLA students as part of the UCLA Guardian Scholars scholarship.

Tutor for Incarcerated Youth at M&I Education Consulting

March 2015 - October 2017

Math and CS tutoring for incarcerated youth and foster youth through M & I Education Consulting in Long Beach, CA.

Founder at GroupThere

May 2017 - present

Launched a carpool optimization tool at grouptherenow.com. Minimizes drive-time across groups of 2-100. Configured for activist organizations. "Bee Swarm for Cars".

Developer at FactoryOfEverything

August 2016 - March 2017

Developed a model for purchasing, production, shipping, and holding over a factory-warehouse-retail system. Forecasting using classical signal processing, regression, and machine learning. Implemented MVP in MATLAB. Planned use-case: optimizing a SoCal cosmetics factory group.

Research

Optimizing B'nai Mitzvah Scheduling

2018

Sinai Temple, Los Angeles

Automated and optimized yearly scheduling for B'nai Mitzvot of 130 students of Sinai Temple.

Predictive Policing in Los Angeles

2017

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition

Implemented LAPD's "hotspot"-generation algorithm. Compared hotspots to historical arrest, citation, and crime report data from the City of Los Angeles.

Community-generated report is entitled "Predictive Policing in Los Angeles".

Generative Models And Sparse Coding
2014

Department of Mathematics, Pomona College

Formalized connections between the "Boltzmann Machine Distribution" and state-of-the-art unsupervised learning techniques.

Anomaly Detection Using Dictionary Learning
2013

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Achieved state-of-the-art unsupervised detection of anomalous image and video data using dictionary learning and sparse coding. Part of an NSF-funded REU.

Aquatic Insect Populations' Response To Time-Varying Reproductive Rates
2012

Oregon State University

Modeled insect populations in MATLAB using partial differential equations. Developed field data collection methodology to study model accuracy. Part of an NSF-funded REU.

Zero-Sum Flows of the Linear Lattice
2012

Department of Mathematics, Pomona College

Proved conditions for bounds on network flows in a generalization of the boolean lattice

Honors

Outstanding Presentation Award
2014

Joint Mathematics Meeting, Baltimore, MD

Awarded to 15% of undergraduate research groups presenting work at JMM (the most-attended national mathematics conference) for summer 2013 research.

Llewellyn Bixby Mathematics Prize
2012

Department of Mathematics, Pomona College

Awarded annually to the student with highest achievement within the Department.

Skills

Python
Javascript, AngularJS
Java
C++

AWS, Heroku
HTML
SQL, ORM
COIN-OR, GUROBI

R
MATLAB
Mathematica
LaTeX