

# 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

## 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

AWS, Heroku Python Javascript, AngularJS HTML SQL, ORM Java C++ COIN-OR, GUROBI

**MATLAB** Mathematica

LaTeX