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Research Interests

I'm broadly interested in topics related to theoretical computer science, including randomized algorithms, graph theory, etc.

Education

2022 – 2026 (expected)

📖 **Bachelor in Computer Science,
University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)
School of the Gifted Young**

GPA: **3.71/4.30**, Average score: **88.25**, Rank **30/174**

Talent Program in Computer Science (Yingcai Class)

Advisor: Prof. Xue Chen

Selected Courses: Foundations of Algorithms (100/100), Data Structures (97/100), Introduction to Computer System (Honor, 90/100), Linear Algebra (90/100), Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics (90/100), Graph Theory (88/100), Mathematical Analysis (88/100), Computational Methods (87/100)

Skills

Languages 📖 TOEFL: 98, GRE: 322+3, CET-6: 629.

Skills 📖 fundamental algorithms & data structures (proficient), C & C++ (familiar)
Competitive Programming: **ICPC 2024 World-Finalist (expected)**, rewarded in NOI, ICPC Regional Contests & **East Continent Final (2 gold medals)**, USACO and [Codeforces](#).

Publications

Preprint

1 X. Chen, W. Shu, and **Z. Zhou**, *Learning sparse parity with noise in linear samples (draft)*, 2024. 🔗 URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.19215>.

Honors and Awards

Competitive programming

2024.1 📖 **Gold Medal, 14th place**, ICPC Asia-East Continent Final Contest.
2023.12 📖 **Gold Medal, 6th place**, ICPC Asia Hangzhou Regional Contest.
2023.10 📖 **Gold Medal, 6th place**, ICPC Asia Xian Regional Contest.
2023.3 📖 **Gold Medal, 28th place**, ICPC Asia-East Continent Final Contest.
2023.1 📖 **Gold Medal, 8th place**, ICPC Asia Xian Regional Contest.
2022.11 📖 **Gold Medal, 27th place**, ICPC Asia Shenyang Regional Contest.

Honors and Awards (continued)

- 2022 **Silver Medal**, National Olympiad of Informatics Winter Camp.
- 2021 **Bronze Medal, National Olympiad of Informatics of China.**
- 2020, 2021 **First Prize**, National Olympiad of Informatics in Provinces (Beijing).
- 2020 **Silver Medal**, Asia-Pacific Informatics Olympiad, China region.

Math

- 2023 **Second Prize**, National College Student Mathematics Competition, Non-Mathematics Category.

Scholarships

- 2023.10 **Silver Scholarship**, awarded by the School of the Gifted Young, USTC.
- 2022.10 **Talent Program Scholarship**, awarded by the Talent Program in Computer Science and Technology (Hua Xia).
- 2022.9 **Admission Scholarship**, awarded by the School of the Gifted Young, USTC.



Research Projects

- 2024.7 – 2024.8 **Improved decoding of tanner codes** (in preparation)
With Prof. Zeyu Guo
 1. Present improved algorithms for decoding tanner codes.
 2. Investigated previous work on expander codes, tanner codes, and insertion-deletion codes.
- 2024.2 – present **Learning Sparse Parity with Noise in Linear Samples**
With Prof. Xue Chen and Wenxuan Shu
 1. Present improved algorithms in both low-noise & high-noise settings.
 2. Investigated previous LPN algorithms.
- 2023.9 – 2024.1 **Expansion on regular Graph**
Advisor: Prof. Xue Chen
 1. Investigated two approaches for establishing lower bounds on graph expansions: the second eigenvalue method and the girth method. Gained knowledge of their theoretical foundations and limitations.
 2. Explored potential avenues for enhancing the girth method to derive stronger lower bounds on graph expansions. Analyzed existing approaches and evaluated the challenges and limitations in improving the methodology.





Research and Study Experience

- 2024.7 – 2024.8 **Undergraduate Summer Intern**, The Ohio State University, Advisor: Prof. Zeyu Guo
- 2024.7 **Summer School on TCS**, Nanjing University, Excelled in the take-home exam, earning direct access to the graduate program interview.

Teaching


- 2024.2 – 2024.6  **Teaching Assistant**, Foundations of Algorithms, USTC. Designed lab assignments and conducted weekly office hours.
- 2024.1 – 2024.2  Competition Coach, TopsCoding, Winter 2024 Coding Course. Presented tutorials on string algorithms and number theory.

Activities

- 2022.9 – 2024.6  **Vice President of Computer Programming Club**, USTC.
-  **Member of Publicity Department**, Student Union of the School of the Gifted Young, USTC.
- 2023  Top 20/300, Short-distance Marathon, USTC.
- 2022  Third place, Freshman Eaglet Cup Football Tournament, USTC

References

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