Jiaqi Zheng

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EDUCATION

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Aug. 2020 – Present

Ph.D. in Computer Science

- Current Cumulative GPA: 4.79/5.0
- Selected Scholarships & Awards: Research Scholarship, Research Incentive Award

Harbin Engineering University, China

Aug. 2016 – June 2020

B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

- Core Course GPA: 3.84/4.0
- Selected Scholarships & Awards: Excellent Graduation Thesis Awarded to top 2% of the cohort
 National Incentive Scholarship Awarded to top 2% of the cohort
 Gold Medal of ACM-ICPC Chinese Collegiate Programming Contest Nationwide competition with 420 participants
 Silver Medal of ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Contest × 2 Asian-wide competition with 373 & 298 teams participating, resp.
 Bronze Medal of ACM-ICPC Asia-East Continent Final Asian-wide competition with 374 teams participating

Work Experience

Institute of Science and Technology, Austria

Oct. 2024 - Present

Predoctoral Visiting Scientist, hosted by Herbert Edelsbrunner

- Roles: Investigating topics in geometric optimization and topological data analysis (TDA)
- Achievements: Improved the performance of an existing TDA library by a factor of two.

National University of Singapore, Singapore

July 2019 - July 2020

Research Intern in the Geometry & Graphics Lab, hosted by Tiow-Seng Tan

- Roles: Researching and implementing parallel algorithms for computational geometry problems
- Achievements: Developed three open-sourced libraries, and published one academic paper

Research & Publications

Research focus: Convex Optimization, Computational Geometry, Parallel Computing (GPGPU)

- Approximation Algorithms for Smallest Intersecting Balls Jiaqi Zheng and Tiow-Seng Tan
- A Primal-Dual Algorithmic Framework for Symmetric Cone Programming Jiaqi Zheng, Antonios Varvitsiotis, Tiow-Seng Tan, Wayne Lin
- Computing Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation Using the GPU

Jiaqi Zheng and Tiow-Seng Tan

Interactive 3D Graphics and Games (I3D), 2020

SKILLS

Programming: C/C++, CUDA, Python, Java, C#

Libraries & Tools: CGAL, PyTorch, Unity Engine, MPI/OpenMP, LaTeX

Languages: English (professional), Chinese (native)

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

LIBSIB: The first library for computing Smallest Intersecting Balls in high-dimensional spaces

- Capable of solving the problem for various types of input objects such as convex polytopes, balls, and ellipsoids
- The problem is related to many important problems such as SVM and SVDD in machine learning

PDSCP: A novel algorithmic framework for *Symmetric Cone Programming* (which generalizes LP, SDP, and SOCP)

- Has been applied to develop efficient parallel algorithms for Smallest Enclosing Sphere and Support Vector Machine
- Outperforms the best commercial conic programming solvers IBM Cplex and Gurobi in these two tasks

PosLP: A library for computing Positive Linear Programs using GPU

• Implements and improves the existing theoretical parallel algorithms for PosLP

PBA+: The most efficient open-sourced library for computing 2D and 3D Digital Voronoi Diagrams on GPU

• Processes very large-scaled input images (up to $32K \times 32K$ pixels) in the order of hundreds of milliseconds

• The source code has been integrated into game engines and motion-planning projects

gCVT: An open-sourced library for computing 2D and 3D Centroidal Voronoi Tessellations (CVT) on GPU

• Adopts the over-relaxed Lloyd's method for minimizing the objective function and outperforms existing optimizers

Surface Remesher: An open-sourced project for optimizing Surface Meshes using 2D Centroidal Voronoi Tessellations

• Parameterizes triangulated surface meshes in planar spaces and optimizes the positions of the vertices via CVTs

TEACHING & MENTORING

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Jan. 2021 – June 2024

Teaching Assistant in Department of Computer Science

- Teaching Modules: Programming Methodology, Introduction to 2D Game Development
- Roles: Conducting tutorials and consultations Received positive feedback every year