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Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

Extremal combinatorics and graph theory, algebraic and probabilistic methods, discrete geometry, combinatorial number theory.

Employment

• Research fellow , Institute of Basic Sciences	01/2024-now
– Mentor: Hong Liu	
• Research fellow, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics	09/2023 - 12/2023
– Mentor: János Pach	
Education	
• PhD in Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University	09/2018 - 05/2023
– Advisor: Boris Bukh	
– Thesis: "Several problems in extremal combinatorics"	
• BS in Mathematics , Peking University	09/2014-07/2018
– Advisor: Chunwei Song	
– Thesis: "Three proofs of Roth's theorem"	
• Middle and High School, Beijing National Day School	09/2008-07/2014
Academic positions	
• Teaching assistant at CMU	09/2018-present
- 21-325 Probability, grading	Spring 2023
- 21-228 Discrete Mathematics, grading and recitations	Spring 2022
- 21-301 Combinatorics, grading	Fall 2021
- 21-623 Complex Analysis (graduate), grading	Spring 2021
– 21-295 Putnam Seminar, grading	Fall 2020
– 21-325 Probability, grading	Spring 2020
- 21-701 Discrete Mathematics (graduate), grading	Fall 2019

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– 21-325 Probability, grading	Spring 2019
- 21-371 Algebraic Structures, grading	Fall 2018
– 21-341 Linear Algebra, grading	Fall 2018
Teaching assistant at PKU	09/2017 - 01/2018
- Calculus (college of engineering), grading and recitations	Fall 2017

Publications

- Saturation results around the Erdős–Szekeres problem
 - With Gabór Damásdi, Manfred Scheucher and Ji Zeng, arXiv:2312.01223.

• Rainbow even cycles

- With Zijian Xu, arXiv:2211.09530.
- Convex polytopes in restricted point sets in \mathbb{R}^d
 - With Boris Bukh, arXiv:2204.02487.
- A simple proof of the Gan–Loh–Sudakov conjecture
 - With Ting-Wei Chao, arXiv:2201.05181.
 - Appeared in Electronic J. of Combinatorics, vol. 29(3), P3.59, 2022.

• On the stability of graph independence number

- With Zhuo Wu, arXiv:2102.13306.
- Appeared in SIAM J. Discrete Math., vol. 36(1), 2022.
- Longest common subsequences between words of very unequal length
 - With Boris Bukh, arXiv:2009.05869.

Presentations

- Convex polytopes in non-elongated point sets in \mathbb{R}^d
 - Erdős Center Seminar at the Rényi Institute, Oct. 2023.
- Rainbow even cycles
 - AMS Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting at GIT, Atlanta, Mar. 2023.
- A simple proof of the Gan–Loh–Sudakov conjecture
 - $-\,$ Graduate students seminar at CMU, Feb. 2023.
- On the Stability of Graph Independence Number

- SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics (DM22) at CMU, Pittsburgh, Jun. 2022.

• Convex polytopes in non-elongated point sets in \mathbb{R}^d

– ACO seminar at CMU, Apr. 2022.

• Convex independence and convex holes

- Graduate students seminar at CMU, Oct. 2019.

• Random permutations and extremal set problems

- Graduate students seminar at CMU, Feb. 2019.
- Domino Tilings of Aztec Diamonds
 - Graduate students seminar at CMU, Oct. 2018.

Services

- Math Olympiad Summer Program (MOP)
 - Training for the USA team at the International Math Olympiad (IMO).
 - Served as an instructor, gave lectures under directions of Po-Shen Loh.

• Western PA ARML

- Training for the Western Pennsylvania Team at American Rigions Math League (ARML).
- Served as an instructor, gave lectures on combinatorics and number theory.

Summer 2022

2019 - 2022