

# Pascal Sturmfels

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## EDUCATION

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APRIL 2018 BSE in Computer Science, **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
COURSE WORK: Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Data Mining,  
Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Microprocessors  
GPA: 4.00/4.00

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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JANUARY 2016 – | Secure Smartphone Communication  
DECEMBER 2016 | *University of Michigan*  
Developped a peer-to-peer, censorship resistant micro-blogging app for iOS using Multipeer Connectivity and Core Data. Designed a protocol to route and store messages and message ratings in an ad-hoc network.

SUMMER 2016 | Computer Scheduling and Optimization  
*University of Maryland*  
Improved the approximation bounds of existing algorithms for scheduling in the online concurrent open shop model. Implemented and tested scheduling algorithms on random bipartite graphs in Matlab.

MAY 2016 – | Computational Biology  
JULY 2015 | *University of California, Berkeley*  
Developed data visualization tools for next-generation sequencing software. Reduced storage size of genomic datasets by an order of magnitude. Designed an automated system to analyze, visualize and serve genomic data, located at pachterlab.github.io/lair.

## PERSONAL AND SCHOOL WORK

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*Current* | Teaching Assistant  
Teaching assistant for the Theory of Computation class. Covering algorithm paradigms, including greedy, graph algorithms, and dynamic programming. Discussing algorithm design and algorithm complexity analysis.

*Current* | iPhone Game Development  
Solo-developing an iPhone game, Avalanche, using Swift and SpriteKit. Integrating Game Center to track and connect users' achievements and scores. Designing interactive game scenes and sprite animations in Adobe Illustrator.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] S. Khuller, J. Li, P. Sturmfels, K. Sun, and P. Venkat. "Select and Permute: An Improved Online Framework for Scheduling to Minimize Weighted Completion Time". In: *ArXiv e-prints* (Apr. 2017). arXiv: [1704.06677](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.06677) [cs.DS].
- [2] Harold Pimentel, Pascal Sturmfels, Nicolas Bray, Páll Melsted, and Lior Pachter. "The Lair: a resource for exploratory analysis of published RNA-Seq data". In: *BMC Bioinformatics* 17.1 (2016), p. 490. ISSN: 1471-2105. DOI: [10.1186/s12859-016-1357-2](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-016-1357-2).