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## EDUCATION

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- 2021 - present MS/PhD (Computer Science) at **University of Massachusetts Amherst** (GPA: 3.82/4.0)  
Advisor: [Dr. Hung Le](#)
- 2013 - 2017 Bachelor's Degree at **Honors Program, VNU-HCMUS, Vietnam** (GPA: 3.57/4.0)  
Information Technology, Graduated with distinction.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- La, A., & Le, H.** *Dynamic Locality Sensitive Orderings in Doubling Metrics*. Accepted by [STOC 2025](#).
- La, A., & Le, H.** (2024, August). *New weighted additive spanners*.
- La, A., Vo, P., & Vu, T.** (2019, July). *Adaptive Collaborative Filtering for Recommender System*. In International Conference on Conceptual Structures (pp. 117-130).
- La, A. N. T.\***, Nguyen, D. P.\*, Pham, N. M., & Vu, Q. H. (2018). *Multi-modal video retrieval using Dilated Pyramidal Residual network*. Science and Technology Development Journal-Natural Sciences, 2(5), 138-143. <sup>1</sup>

## SKILLS

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- Theory** Data structures & algorithms, quantitative analysis (Bayesian statistics, causal inference), probabilistic graphical models.
- Programming** Proficient in Python to: develop recommendation systems; build machine learning models (Tensor Flow, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn); process, analyze and visualize data (Numpy, Pandas, Seaborn). Proficient in C++ to implement algorithms in competitive programming contests and Image Processing project (with OpenCV).

## EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 - now:** Research and Teaching Assistant at [Theory CS Group/UMass Amherst](#)
- ★ Study and design data structures & algorithms in computational geometry, apply to approximation problems and data mining.
  - ★ Designed [a dynamic data structure for locality sensitive ordering in doubling metrics](#), obtained several algorithmic applications, notably the first dynamic  $k$ -fault tolerant spanner in doubling metrics with optimal sparsity and time per update.
  - ★ Teaching Assistant: [Algorithms for Data Science, Advanced Algorithms](#).
- 2020 - 2021:** Data Scientist at PrimeData, Vietnam [github/anla11/analytic\\_marketing](https://github.com/anla11/analytic_marketing)
- ★ Designed and implemented an automatic framework for segment analytics.
  - ★ Generated insightful segments of users without manual analysis for algorithmic marketing applications, such as business identity, customer engagement campaign.
  - ★ Technical skills: *quantitative analysis, Bayesian machine learning and probabilistic programming*.
- 2017 - 2019:** Data Scientist at FPT Telecom, FPT Group, Vietnam [github/anla11/adaptive\\_cf\\_recsys](https://github.com/anla11/adaptive_cf_recsys)
- ★ Designed and implemented a graph-based model dealing with multiple evaluation metrics for the recommender system of [fptplay.vn](https://fptplay.vn).
  - ★ Increased precision by 6% while maintaining diversity, coverage, and congestion.
  - ★ Technical skills: *content-based analysis and modelling, user-centric analysis and collaborative-filtering modelling, graph-based algorithms, performance evaluation analysis*.

## SELECTIVE AWARDS

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- Dec. 2016 National Vietnam award for Outstanding Female Students in Science and Technology
- Aug. 2016 Awards from Facebook Hackathon Vietnam 2016  
*1<sup>st</sup> prize* of Most Innovative Product  
*2<sup>nd</sup> prize* of Best Product in Facebook Marketing Category
- 2014 *2<sup>nd</sup> prize* in ACM-ICPC Vietnam National 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- 2013 *3<sup>rd</sup> prize* in Informatics at the Vietnam National Excellent Student Exam

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<sup>1</sup>\*These authors contributed equally to the work.