# **Aakash Gurung**

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#### SKILLS

Python, Julia, Matlab, PowerQuery, JavaScript, CSS, HTML.

#### Honors and Awards

CUNY Undergrad Research Day 2024, Awarded best poster out of 200+.

USA Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition 2021, National Round Qualifier.

Nepal Mathematics Olympiad 2020, finalist.

IOAA 2020 qualifier after obtaining Rank 1 in Nepal Astronomy Olympiad.

### **EDUCATION**

# The University of Alabama

May 2027

 $BS{+}MA, Mathematics$ 

Tuscaloosa, AL

Juniata College

May 2023

Mathematics and Computer Science

Huntingdon, PA

• Samuel J. Steinberger, Jr. Memorial Award

## EXPERIENCE

# Student Technology Assistant

January 2024 – Present

Tuscaloosa, AL

Student Center, University of Alabama

• Assist with technology related issues for events associated with the Student Center.

Peer Tutor

October 2024 – Present

Mathematics Technology Learning Center

Tuscaloosa, AL

• Drop in tutor for Calculus 1,2 and 3. Assisted in tutoring recitation classes for Calculus 1.

## Content Department and Outreach Department Head

August 2020 – April 2022

Mathematics Initiatives in Nepal

Remote

• Led and tutored sessions in Algebra and Combinatorics; helped organize camps in 2021 and 2022, assisted in 2024.

# Junior Member and Outreach Coordinator

November 2020 - July 2022

Nepal Astronomical Society

Kathmandu, Bagmati

- Organized the 2022 National Astronomy Olympiad and taught classes on Practical Astronomy and the Nature of Light.
- Conducted hands-on sessions in 16+ schools on telescope use, night sky navigation, sundial making, and basic astrophysics.

## Research and Conferences

• (May 2025- July 2025) As part of a Summer 2025 REU research team, we (5 members) analyzed "finite size effects" in epidemic modeling by co-developing an agent-based stochastic model. We studied the stochastic behavior of disease spread, compared it with its deterministic ODE counterpart, and conducted case studies based on COVID-19.

Mentors: Professor Chuntian Wang, Professor Yuanzhen Shao, Professor Yuanyuan Song

- (Feb 2025- present) Exploring combinatorial proofs of Q,T Catalan numbers while also exploring its algebraic structure under the guidance of Professor Kyungyong Lee.
- (Feb 2024- June 2024) Aakash Gurung. "Game of Cycles on Maximal Plane Graphs." Presented at CUNY Undergraduate Research Day 2024 and MathFest 2024.

## **Publications**

- Aakash Gurung and Cheng-Han Pan, Continued Fractions, a-Fibonacci numbers, and the middle b-noise, Mathematics Exchange 18 (2024), no. 1, 77–87, https://doi.org/10.33043/r6a225bc.
- PolyMath Jr under Dr. Victor H. Moll. The integrals in Gradshteyn and Ryzhik. Part 34: Bessel functions. Published in Scientia Series A: Mathematical Sciences, Volume 34, March 19, 2024. Presented at JMM 2024.