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Summary

I am a motivated, excited, and extremely hardworking graduate student pursuing a research career in computational physics and applied mathematics. I have experience conducting research in pure mathematics as well as applied and computational physics. I also have substantial teaching experience from planning and facilitating weekly group tutoring sessions for undergraduate classes in math and physics.

Education

B.S. in Mathematics, University of California, Santa Cruz — June 2021
- Minor in Physics
- GPA 3.9
- Member of the NCAA Cross Country and Track teams

Experience

Summer Intern, Los Alamos National Laboratory X Computational Physics Division — Summer 2021
- Added Rutherford scattering Monte Carlo method to a large charged particle transport (CPT) code library
- Performed a verification and validation study of the CPT capabilities of two codes at the laboratory

Math and Physics Tutor, UCSC Learning Support Services — 2019 - 2021
- Conducted 3 weekly small group tutoring sessions focused on engagement of students
- Prepared weekly planning sheets with detailed activities
- Courses tutored for include: Waves and Optics, Real Analysis, Abstract Algebra, Linear Algebra, Vector Calculus and Discrete Mathematics.

Undergraduate Researcher, Polymath Research Experience for Undergraduates — Summer 2020
- Responsible for developing a visualization tool for representing convex geometries using circles in the plane
- Contributor on a paper with cohort of 12 students and our mentor Professor Kira Adaricheva

Program Mentor, UCSC Learning Support Services — 2019
- Trained and mentored other tutors
- Conducted quarterly performance reviews of other tutors

ATLAS electronics testing assistant, Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics — 2018
- Collected data used to analyze the effects of annealing on silicon strip particle detectors

Honors

Highest GPA of all UCSC male student athletes — 2019
- Awarded for a GPA of 3.98 at the time

CoSIDA Academic All-District — 2020
- Men's Track & Field/Cross Country

Skills

Programming Languages: C++, Matlab, Python, Fortran
LaTeX: Proficient in mathematical and scientific document typesetting
Spanish: I am able to read, write, and speak Spanish at a basic level
Mountain Unicycling: I enjoy riding my unicycle in places most people would be scared to hike