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## CONTACT

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# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational semantics, computational complexity (particularly proof complexity), automated theorem proving, algebra in computation

## **EDUCATION**

## Columbia University, New York, NY

May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science – Mathematics. Concentration in Philosophy.

- Dean's list for all applicable semesters
- GPA 4.06, major GPA 4.02

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Department of Computer Science, Columbia University. Spring 2022

A biologically plausible parser for natural language syntax in the brain extended to center-embedded sentences and constituency trees.

Collaborators: Professor Christos Papadimitriou (supervisor), Mirah Shi

### Department of Philosophy, Columbia University.

Spring 2022

An account of the falsehood and felicity of the Morgenbesser counterfactual: non-deterministic outcomes against the causal independence principle.

For Professor Jessica Collins's graduate research seminar PHIL 9485: Conditionals.

#### Department of Philosophy, Columbia University.

Spring 2022

How should we prove theorems? Reviving Hilbert's thesis with interactive proof verification.

For Professor Justin Clarke-Doane's graduate research seminar PHIL 9941: Metalogic.

#### The Billinge Group, Columbia University.

Summer 2020, 2021

Spectral graph theory applied to topological data analysis: using distance matrices to derive higher dimensional simplices, holes, and their persistence.

Collaborators: Professor Simon Billinge (supervisor), Michael Waddell, John Willey

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

#### **Papers**

Center-Embedding and Constituency in the Brain and a New Characterization of Context-Free Languages. Daniel Mitropolsky, Adiba Ejaz, Mirah Shi, Christos Papadimitriou, and Mihalis Yannakakis.

- Oral presentation at NALOMA, August 2022. To appear in ACL Anthology.

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Columbia Undergraduate Seminar in Theoretical Computer Science

• Speaker, Philosophy of computation

Spring 2022

• Organiser, Algorithmic game theory

Summer 2021

Directed reading, Markov Chains. Columbia Undergraduate Math Society Fall 2020

Speaker, Simple random walks. Association for Women in Math

Summer 2020

#### **TALKS**

The Turing test as interactive, probabilistic proof. CU TCS	Spring 2022
Computability of pure Nash equilibria. CU TCS	Summer $2021$
Randomised cover time of a complete graph. CU UMS	Fall 2020
Why the house always wins: the gambler's ruin problem. CU AWM	Summer 2020
Some discrete probability distributions. CU AWM	Summer 2020

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

 ${\bf Software\ Engineer\ Intern},\,{\rm Stripe}.\ {\rm New\ York},\,{\rm NY}.$ 

Summer 2022

Building performance optimisation tool for profiling Go services.

Software Engineer Intern, ServiceNow. Kirkland, WA.

Summer 2021

Wrote server-side class for analysing runtimes of hardware automations.

#### **TEACHING**

At Columbia, I have worked as an undergraduate teaching assistant for the following courses, grading problem sets and holding weekly office hours and review sessions.

• COMS W 4236 Computational Complexity, Professor Xi Chen	Fall 2022
$\bullet$ MATH GU 4041 Modern Algebra I, Professor Jorge Pineiro	Spring 2022
• MATH GU 4041 Modern Algebra I, Professor Robert Friedman	Fall 2021
• MATH UN 1208 Honors Math B, Professor Evan Warner	Spring 2021

My teaching evaluations are available upon request.

I also volunteer for Corrupt the Youth, teaching introductory philosophy at systemically disadvantaged high-schools in New York.

## **SKILLS**

Programming Languages: Go, Python, C, Java, JavaScript, Bash, Assembly, LATEX.

Natural languages: English (fluent), French (intermediate), Hindi (native), Urdu (native), Arabic (elementary)

## INTERESTS

I love to listen to punk music, write satire, and bike; sometimes all at once.