# Adiba Ejaz

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational complexity (particularly proof complexity), algebra in computation, automated theorem proving, natural language processing.

**EDUCATION** 

Columbia University, New York, NY

May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science and Mathematics. Philosophy concentration.

- 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, Dan Mitropolsky, Professor Mihalis Yannakakis

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

**SEMINARS** 

Columbia Undergraduate Seminar in Theoretical Computer Science

• Speaker, Philosophy of computation

Spring 2022

• Organiser, Algorithmic game theory

Summer 2021

Summer 2020

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

Speaker, Simple random walks. Association for Women in Math

### **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

Software Engineer Intern, Stripe. New York, NY.

Summer 2022

Software Engineer Intern, ServiceNow. Kirkland, WA.

Summer 2021

## **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.

- 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: 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.