

# Adiba Ejaz

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**, New York, NY

May 2023

*B.A. in Computer Science and Mathematics* (GPA: 3.926. Dean's List.)

CS coursework: Advanced Programming\* (*Unix*, *C*). Fundamentals of Computer Systems\*. Data Structures (*Java*)

Math coursework: Modern Algebra I\*. Discrete Mathematics\*. Honors Mathematics A and B (multivariable calculus and linear algebra).

**GEMS Modern Academy**, Dubai, UAE

May 2019

IBDP (GPA: 45/45, SAT 1570 800 Math 770 Verbal, 800 Math II). *Valedictorian*. *KS Varkey Scholarship*.

\* this semester

## SKILLS

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- **Programming languages**: Java (proficient), Python (proficient), JavaScript, HTML, CSS.
- **Technologies & frameworks**: Git, LaTeX, MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js, Mathematica
- **Natural languages**: Trilingual in English, Urdu, Hindi. Semi-fluent in French.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Undergraduate Researcher. The Billinge Group, Columbia University.** New York, NY

May 2020-Present

Software development for Department of Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics.

- Authored and maintained multiple *Python* scripts using test-driven development in *pytest* for Regolith, a *NoSQL* research group database management software, and reviewed other members' projects
- In team of 3, spearheaded development of web app using *MERN* stack to replace Regolith CLI for improved usability
- Built *matplotlib* tool to analyze grant burn and project future expenditure to balance budget, reducing runtime of previous component functions by over 40%

**Technical Intern. Dubai Future Accelerators.** Dubai, UAE

March 2018

- Researched and proposed regional applications of start-up PowerIn.Space's wireless energy transfer technology in delivery drones and defibrillators for disaster relief
- Comparatively evaluated performance of start-up STAQU's machine-learning algorithm for speaker recognition

## LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

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**Technology Director, Columbia Superposition**

Chapter of national non-profit developing CS pedagogy for women in computer science.

**Directed reading program, Association for Women in Math.**

Gave 3 talks on simple random walks. Built Gambler's ruin simulation (on GitHub).

**Team Liaison, Columbia Debate Society.**

Cornell finalist. Top 5 individually at CUNY and American University. World Schools UAE National Team.

**Directed reading program, Undergraduate Math Society**

Markov chains and random walks on graphs.

## RESEARCH

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**Spectral graph theory applied to topological data analysis.** *Columbia University.*

May 2020-Present

Research under Professor Simon Billinge and Adjunct Scientist Michael Waddell in the Applied Physics and Mathematics department on developing an algorithm to extract homologies and filter noise of high-dimensional datasets using the Laplacian matrices of their persistence graphs.

**On the partitioning of  $n$ -spheres.** *International Baccalaureate.*

May 2018-19

Computational geometry research paper arriving at a result enumerating the optimal partitioning of  $n$ -dimensional spheres by hyperplanes. Grade A (awarded to top ~10% of candidates).