Chirag Gokani

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Dallas

B.S. Physics, Minor in Music

Class of 2021GPA: 3.868

Research & Teaching Experience

University of Texas at Dallas: Physics Department

Teaching Assistant January - May 2020

- Set up and led the undergraduate lab component for Electromagnetism & Waves (PHYS 2126)
- Taught curriculum that builds up DC and elementary AC circuitry from first principles

UTD Cosmology, Relativity, and Astrophysics Group

June 2017 - December 2018 Research Assistant

- Numerically treated the General Relativistic three-body problem of inspiraling binary black holes subject to a third perturbing black hole with hopes to explain underlying dynamics of LIGO measurements
- o Catalogued stellar photometry data from Gaia to help facilitate an exoplanet survey led by citizen-scientists

Advanced Research in Thermo Fluid Systems Lab

Research Assistant February - August 2019

- Measured and catalogued fluid properties of hundreds of samples bovine and human milk
- Developed models to describe how fat globules affect the velocity-dependent viscosity of various milks

Society of Physics Students

Astronomy Committee Member

November 2017 - present

- o Coordinated large-scale star parties at UTD for major astronomical events, including 2018 & 2019 total lunar eclipses, 2018 opposition of Mars, and 2020 pass of NEOWISE, collaborating with the Texas Astronomical Society
- Co-led telescope training sessions, exposing community members to a variety of amateur telescopes

Presentations and Projects

- Pappus's Theorem, presentation for MATH 3321: Geometry, summer 2020.
- Ballistic Entry: Monte Carlo Simulation, presentation for PHYS 3330: Numerical Methods, fall 2019
- Musical Physics: Combination Tones and Binaural Beats of the Heavens, presented at the Graduate Students in Physics Seminar on October 5th, 2018
- Explaining the Solar Analema, an end-of-semester paper for PHYS 3380: Astronomy, fall 2018

Please visit my physics page to see more of my work.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: Python, HTML, IATEX (proficient); MATLAB, SQL (limited working proficiency)
- Technologies and Frameworks: Anton Paar Rheometry & Density Interfaces, Meade and Celestron telescopes

Volunteering

IntelliChoice

Branch Manager & Instructor

January 2018 - present

- o Directed IntelliChoice SAT Summer Camp (2018-2020), valued at \$297,000/year, boosting students' SAT scores by factors of ~ 1.5 and significantly increasing college matriculation rates in the underprivileged community
- Led volunteer efforts at the Vietnamese Community Center, tutoring math weekly to underprivileged students

Honors

- Eugene McDermott Scholar One of twenty-three undergraduates selected for UTD's flagship scholarship; travelled to Santa Fe, Austin, and Washington, D.C. for leadership training; studied classical guitar in Valencia, Spain
- Collegium V Honors Student Took advanced coursework in math, political science, and liberal arts