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I am a 3rd year undergraduate student at MIT studying mathematics.

Education

2018–2022 Princeton International School of Mathematics and Science
2022–2026 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S. (expected)

Awards and experience

2021 Gold Medal, International Mathematical Olympiad
2021 Winner (perfect score), USA Mathematical Olympiad
2021 Silver Medal, Asian Pacific Mathematical Olympiad
2022 Top 40 Finalist, Regeneron Science Talent Search
2023 Participant, MIT SPUR program
2024 Participant, Talbot Workshop: Topological Cyclic Homology of Ring Spectra
2024 Organizer, Learning seminar on prismatic cohomology.

Preprints

2020–2021 Representation Stability and Finite Orthogonal Groups. Mentored by Arun Kannan. *Algebras and Representation Theory* (2023), [link](#). Part of [PRIMES-USA](#).
2023 On the Analytic Langlands Correspondence for PGL_2 in Genus 0 with Wild Ramification. Mentored by Daniil Klyuev, [arxiv:2312.01030 \[math.AG\]](#).
2024 Rewarded Region Replay (R3) for Policy Learning with Discrete Action Space. With Bangzheng Li, Ningshan Ma. [arXiv:2405.16383 \[cs.LG\]](#)
2025 Breakpoint: Stress-testing systems-level reasoning in LLM agents. With Uzay Girit and Kaivalya Hariharan. Submitted to COLM 2025.

Talks

2023 Moduli space of abelian varieties, STAGE
2024 Integrable connections, STAGE
2025 Milnor's exotic 7-spheres, Kan seminar
2025 Equivariant cohomology of compact Lie groups, Kan seminar