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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

Ph.D. in Mathematics; Advisor:Jesús De Loera

Sep 2020 - 2025 (expected)

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA Dec 2022

M.A. in Mathematics

B.Sc. in Mathematics

National Autonomous University of Mexico

Mexico City, Mexico

July 2020

Graduated with honors, Thesis: "A proof of the Upper Bound Theorem"

Publications

- 1. Markov bases: a 25 year update (with J. A. De Loera and S. Petrović), Journal of the American Statistical Association, 2024. Available here.
- 2. Irreducible Markov Chains on spaces of graphs with fixed degree-color sequences (with J. A. De Loera and S. Petrović). Prepint available on arXiv:2402.09568

Professional Experience

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

Graduate Student Researcher

Jul 2021 - Currently

• Have conducted research on: algebraic statistics, applied polyhedral geometry and combinatorics.

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

Teaching Assistant

Sep 2020 - Currently

• Held weekly discussions, office hours, prepared material, graded quizzes, homework and exams for the following classes: Calculus for BioSci, Probability, Intro to abstract math and Modern algebra

Colombian Combinatorics Meetings (ECCO)

Bogotá, Colombia

Teaching Assistant

June 2022

• Prepared problem sessions for a course on "Helly, Carathéodory, Tverberg: Three powerful theorems of Combinatorial Convex Geometry and their applications" thought by Prof. Jesús A. De Loera

Breakthrough (a U.S. Venture Company)

Green Bay, WI

Data Analytics Engineer Intern

June-Sep 2023, 2024

• Breakthrough is a strategic transportation partner empowering shippers with data, technology, and market knowledge to reduce cost, create fair partnerships, and improve transportation network efficiency and sustainability. I worked as a data analytics engineer on the backend data engineering team.

Presentations

• Universality of the no-three-way Interaction Model

 Perfect Fit Seminar at Algebraic Statistics and Our Changing World program, Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation, Chicago, November 2023

• Markov basis for Exponential Random Graph Models

 $\circ~$ Special session on "Mathematics in Data Science" at the AMS Sectional Meeting, Cal State Fresno, Fresno, May 2023

- Algebraic Methods in Statistics: an Exploration of Markov bases
 - o Nonlinear Algebra and Statistics Seminar, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, April 2023
- Gröbner basis and color-balanced walks, poster presented at:
 - o Algebraic Statistics Conference, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Hawai'i, May 2022
 - o Colombian Combinatorics Meeting (ECCO), Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, June 2022
 - Combinatorial, Computational, and Applied Algebraic Geometry, University of Washington, Seattle, July 2022

Workshops and Stays

- Data Science Bootcamp (Awarded Top Project), Erdős Institute, 2024
- Algebraic Statistics and Our Changing World program: Workshops in Algebraic Economics and Bayesian Statistics, IMSI, 2023
- Current Themes of Discrete Optimization: Boot-camp for early-career researchers, ICERM, 2023
- MSRI Graduate School in Geometric Group Theory, Casa Matemática Oaxaca, 2019
- II Workshop in knots, braids and algebras, Institute of Mathematics UNAM, 2019
- Summer Graduate studies at IMPA (coursed: Markov Chains), Río de Janeiro, 2019
- II Summer School in Symmetry of Combinatorial Structures, Institute of Mathematics UNAM, 2017

AWARDS

- Second prize XV International Mathematics Competition for university students, Blagoevgrad 2018
- Silver medal XXVII Mexican Mathematical Olympiad, Toluca 2014
- Third place XVII National Contest in Mathematics A.N. Kolmogorov, 2015

Funding

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- A Two-Way Research Street: Geometric Algorithms in Optimization and Computer-Based Discrete Geometry, 2022-2023
- HDR TRIPODS: UC Davis TETRAPODS Institute of Data Science, 2023

SKILLS

- Programming languages: Python, R, SQL, LaTex, SageMath, Macaulay2, 4ti2
- Technologies: git, dbt, BigQuery