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EDUCATION

• University of Washington, Seattle

Ph.D. in Mathematics specializing in Computational Number Theory under William Stein

Seattle, WA June 2019

• University of California, Santa Barbara

Bachelors in Mathematics

Santa Barbara, CA June 2014

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

• Proficient: Python, Sagemath, Latex, Git

• Prior experience: PostgreSQL, SQLite, Bash, GNU/Linux, C++, vim, MATLAB/Octave

EXPERIENCE

University of Washington

Researcher in computational number theory

Seattle, WA

Sep. 2014 — Jun. 2019

- o Overview: Thesis research centered around creating and implementing algorithms for computing invariants of modular abelian varieties. These are objects of great number theoretic importance. The overarching theme is bring these abstract objects into a linear algebraic setting that is more suitable for computations.
- o Technical skills used: Code was written using the Sagemath Python library. Experiments were done using Jupyter notebooks. Tables of related invariants were computed and stored in PostgreSQL databases.
- Link to thesis: https://kevinlui.org/pages/thesis

• Sagemath Open Source Project

Online

Active Contributor and User

Jun. 2016 — Present

- o Overview: Active contributor and user of Sagemath which is a Python mathematics package, similar to scipy, suitable for research-level number theory computations.
- Link to code contributions and code reviews: https://kevinlui.org/pages/code#sagemath
- Sage days 87: Attended a workshop on p-adic number functionality in Sagemath. Worked on re-basing an old branch on elliptic curves.

Google Summer of Code - Sagemath

Online

Student Developer

Summer 2016

- o Overview: Implemented algorithms related to modular abelian varieties in Python. Most of the effort was spent extracting and translating algorithms found in research papers to something implementable within the Sagemath Python library.
- o Outcome: This code has been merged into the master branch https://trac.sagemath.org/ticket/21496 and is the foundation for my Ph.D. thesis work.

• University of Washington Sage Seminar

Organizer

Seattle, WA

Jun. 2019 — Aug. 2019

- o Overview: Mentored a group of math graduate students towards contributing to the Sagemath open source project.
- Primary role: Guided members through the Sagemath development process. This includes using developing on Linux, submitting tickets on https://trac.sagemath.org, and following the Sagemath developer conventions.
- o Outcome: About 6 attendees have made their first open source code contribution!

PROGRAMMING COURSEWORK

All taken as an undergraduate at UC Santa Barbara. Primarily used C++.

• Data Structures and Algorithms, Formal Languages and Automata, Cryptography, Computer Theorem Proving, Logic

PROJECTS

- Links: https://kevinlui.org/pages/code/
- caleb: Python package that helps with Latex citation by automatically retrieving bibliographic information from publicly available online sources. Using this to learn CI, pytest, and making a package available on pypi. See https://github.com/kevinywlui/caleb
- Sagemath isomorphism testing: Implemented isomorphism testing of modular abelian varieties into the Sagemath Python library. Currently in the process of being merged. See https://trac.sagemath.org/ticket/28275