# Lukshya Ganjoo

# Education

2025–2029: PhD: Computer Science, University of California, San Diego.

2021–2025 : **B.S: Computer Science, B.S: Mathematics**, *University of Washington, Seattle*, Relevant Coursework: .

- **Math:** Random matrix theory, Quantum Probability Theory, Combinatorial Optimization, Modern Algebra, Accelerated Advanced Honors Calculus, Advanced Linear Algebra
- Computer Science: Randomized Algorithms, Quantum Learning Theory, Markov Chains, Graduate Algorithms, Graduate Natural Language Processing, Quantum Computing, Toolkit for Modern Algorithms, Introduction to Algorithms, Complexity Theory, Machine Learning, Data Structures.

GPA: 3.94/4.0

# Research experience

# Publications and Pre-prints

July 2024 Alex Albors, Hisham Bhatti, Lukshya Ganjoo, Raymond Guo, Dimitry Kunisky, Rohan Mukherjee, Alicia Stepin and Tony Zeng, On the Structure of Bad Science Matrices, In: *arXiv preprint arXiv 2408.00933*.

In review at Involve

# Ongoing research

Jun 2024 – *Approximation algorithms for solving quantum max cut*, *slides*, (*Pending arXiv sub-* Aug 2024 *mission*), *Current manuscript*.

I am presently working with Professor Andrea Coladangelo and Professor Chinmay Nirkhe, where we're focused on developing approximation algorithms to find a high energy state of the QMC Hamiltonian. This Hamiltonian while serving as a generalization to the computational problem of finding a maximum cut, is also physically motivated since it models anti-ferromagnetic Hamiltonians.

Advisor: **Dr. Andrea Coladangelo**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (Personal Web-page)

Advisor: **Dr. Chinmay Nirkhe**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering(Personal Web-page)

# Talks/Reading

December Matrix Completion via Randomized Basis Pursuit, CSE 521: Advanced Algorithms,

2023 University of Washington: slides.

March 2024 *Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry*, *Washington Directed Reading Program 2024*, University of Washington: slides.

May 2024 *Error estimates and asymptotic analysis for exact qudit universality*, *Undergraduate Research Symposium 2024*, University of Washington: slides.

# Fellowships and Awards

Fall 2025 **QuICS Lanczos Graduate Fellowship**, *UMD College Park Computer Science Department*. Awarded based on merit to cover two-year graduate stipend (declined)

# Projects

## May 2023 SVD based word-embeddings, Python, pandas, NumPy.

- Engineered a state-of-the-art word embedding solution, utilizing the top 10,000 words from a vast Wikipedia corpus of 1.5 billion words, enhancing language understanding.
- Leveraged Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) to capture semantic and syntactic meaning within a high-dimensional vector space.
- Utilized state-of-the-art embeddings to conduct projection analysis, unveiling syntactic relationships and showcasing a high level of proficiency in linguistic concepts.

#### Nov 2022 **Image Classifier**, *Python*, *NumPy*, *Pytorch*.

- Analysed different deep learning architectures to classify images using the CIFAR-10 dataset.
- Optimized the training process of fully connected and convolutional neural networks by designing and implementing a robust architecture using numpy and PyTorch.
- Obtained a validation accuracy of >50% and > 65% respectively using a fully connected neural network and a convolutional neural network.

## June 2022 Campus Paths, Java, Javascript, React, Node.js.

- Displays the most optimal paths between requested locations at the University of Washington via a custom-built full-stack application.
- Implemented a Java-directed graph, Dijkstra's algorithm, REST API endpoints, and TypeScript React user interface.
- Redesigned project deliverables to include specific accessibility enhancements, such as visual cues and intuitive navigation; improved user engagement and satisfaction

# March 2022 Quantum and Quantum Inspired algorithms literature review, LEX.

- Studied a plethora of quantum algorithms in fields ranging from molecular chemistry to machine learning.
- Analyzed the advantages of aforementioned quantum algorithms and the ways these techniques could improve pre-existing classical algorithms.
- Investigated the differences between complexity classes; classical and quantum and their implications in complexity theory

# Teaching

## Winter 2025 TA - CSE 422: Advanced Toolkit for Modern Algorithms, UW CSE.

- Taught an advanced undergraduate class on the principles of modern algorithms with a particular focus on machine learning algorithms.
- Initiated weekly sections for 30+ students, grading 40+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours

#### Fall 2023, TA - CSE 534: Graduate Quantum Computing, UW CSE.

- 2024: Taught a special topics graduate class on quantum computing and algorithms.
  - Initiated weekly sections for 20+ students, grading 100+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours

#### Spring 2024, TA - CSE 434: Introduction to Quantum Computation, UW CSE.

- 2025: Taught a special topics undergraduate class on quantum computing and algorithms.
  - Initiated weekly sections for 30+ students, grading 100+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours

#### Winter, 2024: TA - CSE 417: Algorithms and Computational Complexity, UW CSE.

- Taught a class on designing and analyzing algorithms and data structures, along with efficient models of computation intended for a general undergraduate audience.
- Initiated weekly sections for 20+ students, grading 100+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours

## Spring, 2023: TA - CSE 311: Foundations of Computing I, UW CSE.

- Taught a class focusing on the fundamentals of logic and computation intended for a general undergraduate CS audience.
- Initiated weekly sections for 25+ students, grading 200+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours.

## Winter, 2023: TA - CSE 446: Introduction to Machine Learning, UW CSE.

- Taught an introductory class on machine learning intended for an advanced undergraduate CS audience.
- Initiated weekly sections for 15+ students, grading 100+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours.

## Fall, Summer TA - CSE 312: Foundations of Computing II, UW CSE.

- 2022: Taught an introductory class on probability and statistics intended for a general undergraduate CS audience.
  - Initiated weekly sections for 25+ students, grading 200+ assignments weekly and conducting office hours.

# Languages and Skills

Languages Java, Python, Lean, OCaml, C++, C, Racket, Javascript, SQL, MySQL

Technologies LATEX, Mathematica, Git, Jupyter Notebooks, AWS, PyTorch, TensorFlow