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Interests

Theoretical Computer Science: Cryptography, Large Language Models, Combinatorics

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Sept. 2021–June 2025

- B.S. Mathematics & B.S. Computer Science. GPA: 3.96/4.00
 - Coursework: Graph Theory, Linear Algebra (Honors), Numerical Analysis (Honors), Real & Complex Analysis (Honors), Theory of Computation, Data Structures & Algorithms, Software Construction.
- M.A. Mathematics. (Integrated Masters Departmental Scholar's Program.) GPA: 4.00/4.00
 - Graduate coursework: Cryptography, Complexity, Probability, Discrete Math, Measure Theory.

Research

Machine Learning - Watermarking Large Language Models, UCLA

Nov. 2023–Present

- Mentored by Prof. Amit Sahai
 - Co-authoring a research paper that provides experimental evidence refuting assumptions made in Watermarks in the Sand. GitHub link.
 - $\circ~$ Used PyTorch and Pandas for machine learning, natural language processing and data manipulation.
 - Worked on text processing and API integration, notably with OpenAI's GPT models.

Cryptography - Multiparty Computation, UCLA

March 2023–Present

- Mentored by Prof. Rafail Ostrovsky, Prof. Vassilis Zikas.
 - Co-authoring a research paper (follow-up to [GIOZ17]) proving upper and lower bounds on secure multiparty computation (MPC) with sublinear communication in the presence of a mobile adversary.
 - A work in progress can be found here.

ACTIVITIES

Theory@UCLA

March 2023–Present

- President & Co-Founder
 - Established UCLA's first theoretical computer science student organization; recruited over 40 undergraduate and graduate students.
 - Collaborated in learning topics in lattice-based cryptography and secure multi-party computation.
 - Organized a reading group meeting weekly to present topics in the mathematics underlying theoretical computer science.

Olga Radko Endowed Math Circle, UCLA

June 2022–Present

- \bullet Lead Instructor
 - o Conducted weekly 2 hour problem-solving sessions for advanced high-school students.
 - $\circ~$ Taught 3 different levels Intermediate 2A, Advanced 2A and Advanced 3 and approx. 80 students.
 - \circ Designed worksheets in topics including graph theory, error-correcting codes and optimization.

Prometheus (Hybrid) - Rocket Project, UCLA

Dec. 2021–June 2022

- Lead Engineer, Trajectory Simulations
 - Programmed a 6 degree-of-freedom simulation model in MATLAB for the hybrid fuel rocket team at UCLA.
 - Simulation was used to predict rocket apogee, off-the-rail-speed, and stability during ascent.
 - Designed an optimal thrust curve for the motor using OpenRocket.

PROJECTS

SimplyTasks

Jan. 2023–March 2023

- Front-end, task manager web app
 - Used React, Node.js, HTML and CSS to program a calendar heat-map for tasks color-coded according to urgency.
 - Other features of the app include ability to store user data on the back-end; users can add tasks, sub-tasks, sort by various preferences and view tasks in calendar mode.

Math Animations

June 2020-Aug. 2020 & July 2021-Aug. 2021

- Programmed math animations using a Python library, Manim.
 - o Provided visual aids in trigonometry and calculus for tutoring during the lockdown.
 - o Created explanatory videos for an internship with DiagKNOWstics Learning, an online platform.

Honors

Ostrovsky Summer 2023 scholarship for research in computer science at UCLA.

2023 2021-2023

Dean's Honors List every quarter at UCLA

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IB Diploma World Topper: Final score of 45/45

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Passed the American Math Contest (AMC 12) and qualified for AIME

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SKILLS

Programming Languages & Frameworks: Python, PyTorch, Pandas, MATLAB, React, Node.js, C++

Other: LATEX, Vim, Emacs, SolidWorks, OpenRocket, 3D Printing