

# Pura Peetathawatchai

(607) 379-4035 | pura@stanford.edu | github.com/poonpura

## INTERESTS

---

AI security and privacy: cybersecurity risk posed by LLM agents, privacy attacks against machine learning models, adversarial machine learning, differential privacy, machine unlearning

Other interests: cryptography, AI for climate change

## EDUCATION

---

### Stanford University

Stanford, California

M.S. Computer Science (Specialization in Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence)

March 2025 (expected)

- Cumulative GPA: 3.91 / 4.00
- Relevant Coursework: Deep Learning, Deep Generative Models, Cryptography, Cybersecurity, Bioinformatics, Computer Networks, Trust and Safety

### Cornell University

Ithaca, New York

B.A. Mathematics and Computer Science (double major)

May 2022

- Cumulative GPA: 4.04 / 4.00
- Honors: Member of Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society (junior inductee - top 3% of graduating class)
- Relevant Coursework: Cryptography, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Architecture, Operating Systems, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Mathematical Logic, Chaos Theory, Abstract Algebra, Number Theory, Real Analysis, Decision Theory, Game Theory, Cognitive Science

## EXPERIENCE

---

### Stanford University

Stanford, California

Graduate Researcher (under Profs. **Dan Boneh**, **Percy Liang**, **Daniel Ho**)

Apr 2024 - present

- Developed Cybench: a benchmark for evaluating cybersecurity capabilities of LLMs, which includes 40 professional-level Capture-the-Flag (CTF) tasks chosen to be recent, meaningful and spanning wide range of difficulties
- Reviewed, edited and standardized subtasks, which break down CTF task into intermediary steps to enable more granular evaluation, across 17 CTF challenges
- Led team of students to annotate CTF tasks with meaningful subtasks/metadata for incorporation into LLM agent and environment
- Comparing top human hackers against their AI counterparts to analyze differences in behavior and performance gap

### Stanford Trustworthy AI Research

Stanford, California

Graduate Researcher (under Prof. **Sanmi Koyejo**)

Jan 2024 - present

- Investigating prospect of using universal guidance as new method of privacy-preserving style transfer for diffusion models (with Prof. **Albert No**, paper in progress)
- Implemented and investigated various approaches to incorporate differential privacy into universal guidance for diffusion models
- Investigated susceptibility of LoRA-trained transformer models to membership inference attacks in relation to fully fine-tuned models
- Implemented the Likelihood Ratio Attack (LiRA), a state-of-the-art membership inference attack in Python

### Stanford Machine Learning Group

Stanford, California

Graduate Researcher (under Prof. **Andrew Ng**)

Jan 2023 - Jun 2023

- Engineered neural networks (DenseNet, Swin Transformer) to attribute methane plumes to landfills and concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) via satellite imagery
- Implemented additional functionality to codebase enabling streamlined support for multispectral input, semantic segmentation and granular error analysis
- Investigated temporal and geographical distribution shifts of landfill satellite imagery and robustness of deep learning models to such distribution shifts
- Examined potential improvements to training procedure to reduce false positives, including two-tiered approach involving passing input through two separately trained models during inference

- Implemented many efficient lattice algorithms discussed in recent literature, including lattice sieving and discrete Gaussian basis sampling, in Python.
- Investigated extent to which LLL and BKZ reduction algorithms solve SVP on integer lattice basis vectors
- Analyzed effectiveness and weaknesses of different sampling techniques in generating secure bases as public keys

---

## PUBLICATIONS

---

### 1. **Cybench: A Framework for Evaluating Cybersecurity Capabilities and Risk of Language Models**

Andy Zhang, Neil Perry, Riya Dulepet, Eliot Jones, Justin Lin, Joey Ji, Celeste Menders, Gashon Hussein, Samantha Liu, Donovan Jasper, **Pura Peetathawatchai**, Ari Glenn, Vikram Sivashankar, Daniel Zamoshchin, Leo Glikbarg, Derek Askaryar, Mike Yang, Teddy Zhang, Rishi Alluri, Nathan Tran, Rinnara Sangpisit, Polycarpus Yiorkadjis, Kenny Osele, Gautham Raghupathi, Dan Boneh, Daniel E. Ho, Percy Liang  
*Preprint, 2024*

### 2. **On Fairness of Low-Rank Adaptation of Large Models**

Zhoujie Ding, Ken Ziyu Liu, **Pura Peetathawatchai**, Berivan Isik, Sanmi Koyejo  
*Conference on Language Modeling (COLM), 2024*

### 3. **Just how hard are rotations of $\mathbb{Z}^n$ ? Algorithms and cryptography with the simplest lattice**

Huck Bennett, Atul Ganju, **Pura Peetathawatchai**, Noah Stephens-Davidowitz  
*International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques (Eurocrypt), 2023*

---

## TEACHING

---

**Cornell University** (*Teaching Assistant*)

**Ithaca, New York**

CS 4830/5830: Introduction to Cryptography

*Spring 2022*

CS 2802: Discrete Structures - Honors

*Spring 2020*

CS 1110: Introduction to Computing with Python

*Fall 2019*

---

## SKILLS

---

Programming Languages: Python (proficient), Java (familiar), OCaml (familiar), JavaScript (familiar), C/C++ (familiar)

Other Skills: PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas, SQL, LaTeX, HuggingFace, Stable Diffusion, Opacus