# Pratik Rathore — US Citizen

Qualification

#### **Education**

Stanford University

PhD Candidate in Electrical Engineering

Advisor: Madeleine Udell

University of Maryland

B.S. in Electrical Engineering, summa cum laude

**University of Maryland** 

B.S. in Mathematics, summa cum laude

Stanford, CA

9/2021-Present

College Park, MD

8/2017-5/2021

College Park, MD

8/2017-5/2021

## Research & Industry Experiences

**Stanford University** 

Graduate Researcher

Department of Management Science & Engineering

Stanford, CA

7/2022-Present

- Investigating approaches for improving optimization of physics-informed neural networks
- O Developing efficient quasi-Newton methods for solving large-scale problems in machine learning

**Stanford University** 

Stanford, CA

Graduate Researcher

Autonomous Systems Laboratory

9/2021-12/2021, 3/2022-6/2022

- Developed a quantum computing-based algorithm to solve mixed-integer quadratic programs (MIQPs)
- Applied matrix sketching techniques to improve scalability of semidefinite programming-based neural network verification

STR Arlington, VA

Electrical Engineering Intern

Prototype Systems & Technology Group

5/2020-8/2021

- Aided in the development of an object-oriented environment for radar I/Q simulation, and modeled sub-banded adaptive beamforming in phased arrays
- Contributed to data generation for a deep learning-based platform that performs automatic target recognition on maritime ISAR images
- Worked on a US Department of Defense funded SBIR research project focused on improving Inverse Synthetic Aperture Radar (ISAR) signal processing to enhance ISAR image quality

#### **Lockheed Martin Space**

**Littleton, CO** 5/2019-8/2019

Electrical Engineering Intern

Military Support Programs

 Led reviews for computational models (frequency sweep generator, solar array controller, attitude determination with Kalman filter) being developed for satellites in MATLAB/Simulink

- Developed test cases, added new functionality, and improved upon existing documentation in MAT-LAB/Simulink for these computational models
- Presented model walkthroughs and review suggestions to colleagues during meetings

University of Maryland
Undergraduate Researcher
Department of Mathematics

College Park, MD
5/2018-8/2018

- O Investigated Descartes numbers, a family of odd spoof perfect numbers
- O Proved new results regarding the prime factorizations of Descartes numbers
- O Developed and submitted a research manuscript containing the proofs of these results to arXiv

## **Papers**

In the pipeline.....

Z. Frangella\*, **P. Rathore**\*, S. Zhao, and M. Udell. *PROMISE: Preconditioned Stochastic Optimization Methods by Incorporating Scalable Curvature Estimates* (2023), arxiv:2309.02014, submitted to JMLR Z. Frangella, **P. Rathore**, S. Zhao, and M. Udell. *SketchySGD: Reliable Stochastic Optimization via Randomized Curvature Estimates* (2022), arxiv:2211.08597, in revision at SIMODS

Miscellaneous.....

**P. Rathore**. There are no Cube-free Descartes Numbers with Exactly Seven Distinct Prime Factors (2018), arxiv:1808.10027

### **Honors & Awards**

Banneker-Key Scholar – a full merit scholarship awarded to top $1\%$ of undergraduates	2017-2021
Dean's List – A. James Clark School of Engineering	2017-2021
Dean's List – College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences	2018-2021
Honors College, University Honors, University of Maryland	2017-2021
University of Maryland Department of Mathematics High Honors Medal	5/2021
NSF GRFP Honorable Mention	3/2021
University of Maryland Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Chair's Award	3/2021
International Mathematics Competition for University Students, Second Prize	7/2020
Putnam Math Competition, Ranked in Top 5% of 4200+ Participants	2/2020
Member of UMD Putnam Team, 14 <sup>th</sup> place team in the nation	2/2020
University of Maryland Dan Shanks Award for research in number theory	4/2019
Putnam Math Competition, Ranked in Top 3% of 4600+ Participants	3/2019
Member of UMD Putnam Team, 9 <sup>th</sup> place team in the nation	3/2019
Virginia Tech Regional Math Contest, Ranked 15 <sup>th</sup> out of 739 participants	10/2017
United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) Qualifier	5/2017

#### **Skills**

#### **Programming Languages & Frameworks**

- Proficient: Python, NumPy, MATLAB, LATEX
- Familiar: PyTorch, C/C++, Julia, Java, R, Simulink

<sup>\*</sup> denotes equal contribution.

## **Teaching Experiences**

CME307: Optimization Stanford University

Course Assistant 1/2024-Present

EE364B: Convex Optimization II

Stanford University

4/2023-6/2023

ENEE150: Intermediate Programming Concepts for Engineers University of Maryland

Undergraduate Teaching Fellow 1/2021-5/2021

#### **Relevant Courses**

Machine Learning, Machine Learning for Sequence Modeling, Reinforcement Learning, Convex Optimization, Theory of Statistics, Numerical Linear Algebra, Parallel Computing

# Leadership/Extracurricular Activities

Peer Mentor, University Honors, University of Maryland	9/2020-12/2022
Puzzle Writer, University of Maryland Puzzle Club	9/2017-9/2020
Captain, Montgomery Blair Math Team	8/2016-6/2017
Coach, Robert Frost Middle School MathCounts Team	12/2015-3/2017