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OVERVIEW

- Current research interests include machine learning, tensors, and non-convex optimization.
- Programming proficiencies include Python, Java, R and Mathematica.

EDUCATION

University of Maryland College Park, MD, U.S.A. • Ph.D. Student, Fall 2018 - Present

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Areas:

- Spring 2020 - Present: Computer Science Ph.D. Program
- Fall 2018 - Fall 2019: Mathematics Ph.D. Program (GPA: 3.79/4.00)

New York University New York City, NY, U.S.A. • Master's Program in Mathematics, Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 (non-degree)

GPA: 3.81/4.00

University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA, U.S.A. • Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Class of 2015

Concentration: Graduate Preparatory

GPA: 3.81/4.00 (Major), 3.64/4.00 (Cumulative)

AWARDS & GRANTS

2020 COMBINE Fellow (NSF Award #1632976).

2019 NSF GRFP Honorable Mention.

2019 Spotlight on Grad. Research: Seymour Goldberg Memorial Award. Univ. of Maryland.

2015 Distinguished Majors Program (**High Distinction**). University of Virginia. Thesis: *p-adic Numbers and the Hasse-Minkowski Theorem*.

2015 Small Research and Travel Grant (**\$636**, University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences).

2014 Research Grant (**\$2500**, Provost's Office and Dept. of Mathematics).

2013 Small Research and Travel Grant (**\$480**, University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences).

2012-2015 Echols Scholar. University of Virginia.

EMPLOYMENT

University of Maryland (College Park, WI, Jan. 2020 - Present)

Graduate Research Assistant

- F. Huang, A. Reustle (NASA Goddard), and I developed a fast convolution algorithm for tensorial neural networks (TNNs), which are a recently-proposed generalization of neural networks.
- I developed a novel class of accelerated power methods for PCA which mimic the performance of existing momentum-based power methods but without the need for sensitive hyperparameters.

Epic Systems (Madison, WI, Sep. 2015 - May 2017)

Software Developer

Epic develops electronic medical record (EMR) software for hospital systems. I worked on a team primarily concerned with the preservation of database pointers during digital exchange of EMRs between hospitals.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

1. (Submitted) T. Rabbani, A. Rajkumar, and F. Huang. "Practical and Fast Momentum-Based Power Methods."
2. F. Huang, T. Rabbani, and A. Reustle. "Fast GPU Convolution for CP-decomposed Tensorial Neural Networks," *Proceedings of SAI Intelligent Systems Conference*. (2020)
3. K. Smith and T. Rabbani. "Nonabelian Orthogonal Building Sets," *Proceedings of FQ14: The 14th International Conference on Finite Fields and their Applications*. (2020)
4. (Submitted) J. Davis, J. Dillon, J. Jedwab, K. Smith, T. Applebaum, J. Clikeman, and W. Yolland. "Constructions of difference sets in nonabelian 2-groups." (2019)
5. T. Rabbani. "Unique minimal forcing sets and forced representation of integers by quadratic forms," *Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Journal of Mathematics*, Vol. 17, 1 (2016).
6. T. Rabbani. "Improving the Error-Correcting Code Used in 3-G Communication," *SIAM Undergrad. Research Online (SIURO)*, 8 (2015), 126-137.