# Vedant Puri

EDUCATION University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

B.S. Engineering Mechanics, Secondary Field: Fluid Mechanics

B.S. Mathematics (dual degree), Concentration: Graduate Preparatory

Minor: Computational Science and Engineering

Work Experience

#### Research Aide, Argonne National Laboratory

May-Jul 2018

GPA: 3.65/4.00

2015 - 2019

- Conducted Direct Numerical Simulations of wall-bounded flows in undulating geometries utilising up to 1024 compute nodes for 200 hours at Argonne supercomputers using spectral element code NEK5000
- Wrote setup to compute of wall stresses, spatial averages, and budget terms for the tensor Reynolds Stress Transport Equation to study mechanisms of turbulent energy production and transport
- Simulated the effect of unresolved boundary features by adding roughness

# Intern, National Center for Supercomputing Applications

Sep 2017–Apr 2018

- Extended Scheduled Relaxation Jacobi method for iteratively solving linear elliptic partial differential equations to nonlinear problems
- Obtained preliminary results using above method for initial data of the spacetime metric associated with a binary black hole system, for numerical relativity simulations
- Wrote tensor-product based preconditioners for iteratively solving elliptic boundary value problems implemented using a discrete sine transform in numerical framework PETSc

# Course Assistant, Introductory Statics, University of Illinois

Jan 2016–Dec 2018

- Conducted four weekly discussion sections where 32 students collaboratively worked on problem sets
- Wrote problem sets, assisted with course logistics, and taught students to use computational tools

RESEARCH WORK (thesis) V. Puri, R. Balakrishnan, A. Obabko, P. Fischer, Reynolds Stress Budgets for Wall-Bounded Flows in Wavy Geometries

(talk) V. Puri, R. Haas, E. Bentivegna, *Initial Data Generation Algorithms for 'Einstein Toolkit'*. American Physical Society April Meeting, 2018

Collegiate Involvement

## President, Society for Engineering Mechanics

Aug 2018–May 2019

- Led an organisation of 30 students to complete projects such as 'Chocolate 3D Printer', and 'S'mores Machine' for annual Engineering Open House
- Augmented student participation in Engineering Mechanics program through tutorials, advising sessions, company information sessions, workshops, social events, and annual department research fair
- Facilitated in recruiting students to department of Mechanical Science and Engineering

## Curriculum Development, Society for Engineering Mechanics

Oct 2016–May 2018

- Student advisor to Strategic Instructional Innovations Program group for three TAM courses
- Led a student group to design and build instructional demonstrations such as Ackermann steering system, truss models for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics courses serving 2500 students

Honours and Awards

#### Theoretical and Applied Mechanics Merit Award

2019

UIUC MechSE Department award given in honour of a student's special contributions to Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, and Engineering Mechanics programs

TECHNICAL SKILLS Programming Fortran 77, C, C++, MATLAB, Python, Shell

Miscellaneous IATEX Typesetting, Computer Aided Design, woodworking, soldering, photography

Projects

https://github.com/vpuri3

- /Spec: MATLAB spectral, spectral element codes for incompressible fluid flow problems
- /Notes: Compiled notes on mechanics and mathematical analysis
- /IlliniHyperloop: Capstone project to implement a passive cooling solution absorbing 300 kJ of heat from propulsion system of a Hyperloop pod; fabrication handled by sponsor, Novark Technologies, Inc.