

# ANANYA KUMAR

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## EDUCATION

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**Carnegie Mellon University** 2013-2017

*B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Math, 4.00/4.00 GPA, PBK/ACS Scholar*

- Machine Learning (MS), Convex Optimization (PhD), Statistics (PhD), Mobile Robots (PhD), CS Theory (PhD), Deep Reinforcement Learning (PhD), Operating Systems, Honors Analysis

## RESEARCH

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**Algorithms** Advised by Avrim Blum, 2016-now

- Devised and proved streaming algorithms for approximate convex hulls

**Parallel Data Structures** Advised by Guy Blelloch and Robert Harper, 2015-2016

- Developed algorithms and cost semantics for parallel functional (immutable) arrays

**Robotics** Advised by William “Red” Whittaker, 2014

- Prototyped methods to improve position estimation of pair of planetary rovers

## PUBLICATIONS

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Parallel Functional Arrays. Ananya Kumar, Guy E. Blelloch and Robert Harper. Principles of Programming Languages (POPL) 2017. 23% acceptance rate.

## SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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**Uber ATC, Self Driving Car Team, Summer 2016**

- Worked in the motion planning team, details of projects under NDA

**Google Cloud, Kubernetes Team, Summer 2015**

- Implemented a controller that keeps daemons persistently running on specified cluster machines
- Designed and implemented quality of service classes to utilize unused resources in a cluster

**Leanplum, A/B Testing Startup, Summer 2014**

- Improved accuracy of statistical algorithms
- Designed and implemented an estimator to predict how long A/B tests should be run for

## TEACHING

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**Algorithms** Designed and conducted a 15 week algorithms class for 20 high school students

**Theory** Taught recitations, wrote problems and solutions, and graded for Intro CS Theory class

## AWARDS

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**Research** Alumni Award in CS and 2nd place in Math Competition for senior thesis research

**Math** Putnam Competition 2016 - Rank 109.5 (Top 200 in North America)

**Programming** ACM Regional Contest 2013 - 7th/126

**Hacking** Top 10 finalists at HackMIT 2015 (out of 195 projects)

## SKILLS

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**Languages** Python, C/C++, Matlab, Java, SML, Go, Javascript, SQL, x86 assembly  
**Technologies** Google Cloud Platform, Unix, MPI, GIT, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X