Pranav Konda

Education

Undergraduate

2022 – 2026 Columbia University, B.A. in Mathematics and Biophysics, Rabi Scholar.

- Selected as an I. I. Rabi scholar, for commitment to and excellence in science and scientific research.
- Coursework includes modern algebra, topology, mechanics, relativity, and electricity and magnetism.

Other

2019 - 2022 NC State University, Dual Enrollment.

- Graduate level coursework in linear algebra, enumerative and algebraic combinatorics, polyhedral geometry, and numerical analysis.
- o Additional coursework in complex variables, advanced calculus, and differential equations.

Projects

2021 **NASA SPEARS 3D Microscope**, *NASA Ames Research Center*, Mountain View, CA. Intelligent Robotics Group. Programmed in C++. A rugged solid-state 3D microscope for granular level planetary mapping.

- Implemented 3D reconstruction algorithms on embedded hardware.
- Developed a machine learning pipeline to characterize data on its usability to automate the data collection using a support vector machine.

2020 Computer Vision Aided Robotics, FIRST Robotics Competition, Cary, NC.

An intelligent system to lock onto a target and shoot a cargo into it assisted by computer vision and a lagrange interpolator. Programmed in Java.

- Developed and tested a computer vision pipeline to get distance data from a target.
- Implemented automatic alignment to a target with a PID oscillator and a langrange interpolation method to determine initial cargo speeds.

2022 Fast TeX.

A lightweight transpiler for a custom LaTeX specification designed to have a much simpler syntax and support for easier custom macros, commands, and preferences in a simple configuration format. Written in C++.

- Designed a specification for FTeX (Fast TeX) with a much simpler syntax, designed to be used while taking notes in a lecture or talk environment.
- Implemented a transpiler in C++ from FTeX to LaTeX, with a filewatching system for continuous transpilation using the Latexmk compiler and internal OSX/Linux APIs.

2022 OCR Based Japanese Language Tokenizer and Dictionary.

Cross platform terminal application to tokenize Japanese-language sentences and fetch definitions of words from an image, irrespective of declension or other grammatical features in the original phrase.

• Implemented a tree parse an XML dictionary of the Japanese language to obtain an object interfaceable with Python.

 Constructed a pipeline to get image data using native OS function calls, parse the image for text, and tokenize the text using natural language processing.

2022 CNCM Blitz!.

Written with ReactJS, Firebase, and Chakra UI.

- Performant application for a jeopardy-like round in a math competition, syncing problems from an external database.
- Participants can view problems rendered in LaTeX, be scored, and track their progress through the grid.

2022 Personal Website.

Written with NextJS/ReactJS, TailwindCSS, Firebase, and Typescript.

Located at https://pranavkonda.com/.

Skills

Programming C++, Python, Java, Javascript, MATLAB

Software LaTeX, Linux (Arch), Vi/Vim, Git

Languages English, Telugu, Japanese, Spanish

Volunteer Experience

2018-2022 Cyclic National Competitive Math Group, Chief Technical Officer.

A nationwide nonprofit dedicating to spreading a love for competitive mathematics.

- Served as the chief technical officer for the nonprofit, directing technical projects such as online contest platforms, integrations, and a mini problem of the day ranked contest.
- \circ Organized technology and logistics for the UNC x CNCM math contest, sponsored by the math department at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2019-2022 InspireNC, Chairman.

A nonprofit organization in Cary, NC, dedicated to spreading STEM across the local community.

• Served as a general chairman and did day-to-day upkeep operations alongside managing programs and outreaches for local middle and high school students.

Awards

AIME Multiple time American Invitational Mathematics Exam qualifier. High score of 9/15.

USABO Multiple time USA Biology Olympiad National Semifinalist.