# Sylvan Martin

GitHub: SylvanM Personal Website: https://sylvanm.github.io

## EDUCATION

## Undergraduate - Cornell University

Aug 2021 – May 2025

B.A. Mathematics, B.A. Computer Science cum laude

Relevant Courses: Analysis of Algorithms (Graduate Level), Randomized Algorithms, Lattices (Graduate Level), Probability, Cryptography, Honors Linear Algebra, Honors Analysis, Honors Algebra, Honors Object Oriented Design

## Graduate – Cornell University

Aug 2025 - May 2027

M.S. Computer Science (in progress)

## Projects

See GitHub Portfolio for source code and descriptions

- ml kit A pure-Rust machine learning library implemented from scratch for a school project, earning an A+
- MatrixKit & matrix kit Abstract linear algebra libraries (written in pure Swift and Rust, respectively)
- rusty crypto Implementations of LWE, Speck, Shamir Secret Sharing, SHA-512 in pure Rust
- hemlock lib Application for secure and redundant cloud storage, written in Rust and C
- BigNumber Arbitrary precision arithmetic in Swift

## Work Experience

## Student Researcher - CS Theory

Fall 2024 - Present

Cornell University

Ithaca, New York

- Conducting research on datacenter routing schemes with Professor Robert Kleinberg, using group theoretic constructions of graphs to design network topology oblivious to traffic
- Completed paper which was submitted to FOCS 2025

## Lead TA for Intro Analysis of Algorithms

Spring 2025

Cornell University

- Ithaca, New York • Managed groups of undergraduate TA's to help with course administration
- Created rubrics, helped with homework design, and assigned grading groups
- Lead TA duties were in addition to standard TA duties

## Course TA for Cryptography

Fall 2024

Cornell University

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Ithaca, New York

- TA for CS 4830, Introduction to Cryptography ( $\sim 40$  people in the course)
- Helped students learn theoretical cryptographic concepts and primitives such as encryption, one way functions, commitment schemes, key exchanges, and more
- Course emphasized a rigorous and proof-based approach to cryptography
- Held weekly office hours and grades homeworks

# TA for Intro Analysis of Algorithms

Fall 2023, Spring 2024

• TA for CS 4820, Intro to Analysis of Algorithms ( $\sim 300$  people in the course)

Ithaca, New York

- Hosted weekly office hours to assist with homework, review, and exam preparation
- Held weekend lecture on NP-Completeness to give students additional material
- Graded homework and exam problems every week

#### Cornell Outdoor Education Instructor

Fall 2022 - Present

Cornell University

Ithaca, New York

- Guided 8-day backpacking and rock climbing trips for incoming freshmen to help their transition to college
- Led one-week rock climbing expedition in Red Rocks, Nevada (Cornell PE 1645)
- Taught students how to climb Giant Sequoia trees and assisted with forestry research (Cornell PE 1659)
- Teaches caving and rock climbing classes to students of all levels

# Flight Software Engineering High School and College Intern

Summers 2018 - 2021

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

Laurel, Maryland

- Assisted development of embedded, real time avionics control software on a flight single board computer for the Dragonfly mission mobility project
- Developed and tested flight software code for autonomous glide body and quad-copter to fly on Saturn's Moon, Titan
- Conducted research on Intel's Digital Random Number generator to verify Intel's claims of randomness and cryptographic security

#### Talks