# Eric J. Pabón Cancel

### **Contact Information**

Mathematical Sciences Building, Office 609 Department of Mathematics, Purdue University

## **Education & Academic Background**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics** Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

**Bachelor of Science in Pure Mathematics** (Magna Cum Laude) Minor in Applied Mathematics for Science and Engineering University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus (UPRM), Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

# **Research** Experience

#### **Research Intern in Generative AI**

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program (GEM Fellowship Employer Sponsor) Group 39, Division 3, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Unsupervised Network-Based behavior Inference from human Action Sequences (UNBIAS) Supervised by: Dr. Sam Polk & Dr. Mabel Ramírez, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

- Developed mathematical algorithms for autoencoders with LSTM architecture.
- Identified the autoencoder that minimized the loss function.
- Optimized silhouette score and utilized K-medoids, PCA and other clustering techniques for encoded space analysis.

#### **Research Assistant in Number Theory**

Puerto Rico Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

#### Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes

Supervised by: Prof. Reyes M. Ortiz Albino, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

- Research based on the theory of generalized factorizations in integral domains.
- Generalized the notion of complete residue systems for  $\tau_{(2)}$ -primes,  $\tau_{(3)}$ -primes and  $\tau_{(6)}$ -primes.
- Extended the Euler totient function to the notion of equivalence clases modulo a  $\tau_{(n)}$ -prime.

### **Research Assistant in Combinatorics**

Summer@ICERM 2022: Computational Combinatorics

Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics, Brown University

#### Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments

Supervised by: Prof. Pamela E. Harris, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

- Enumerative Combinatorics research focused on the study of generalizations of parking functions.
- Characterized when the car length vector  $\vec{y}$  is minimally invariant (the case when the all-ones sequence is the only invariant parking assortment).
- Characterized the form of the family of 2-tuple and 3-tuple parking assortments.

#### **Research Assistant in Algebraic Coding Theory**

NSF REU in Combinatorics, Probability and Algebraic Coding Theory

East Tennessee State University & University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

#### Improving the Dimension Bound of Hermitian-Lifted Codes

Supervised by: Prof. Fernando Piñero González, University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

- Algebraic Geometry research focused on the study of Hermitian-Lifted Codes.
- Developed a formula that improved the counting of good recoverable functions.
- Improved the bound rate of the code from 0.007 to 0.1.

Curriculum Vitae



Expected June 2029

June 2023

May 2023-August 2023

August 2019–December 2022

June 2022–August 2022

June 2021–August 2021

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#### Improving the Minimum Distance Bound of Trace Goppa Codes

Supervised by: Prof. Fernando Piñero González, University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

- Finite Fields research focused on the development of Goppa codes.
- Worked with Goppa matrices by using quadratic extensions and cubic extensions over finite fields.
- Improved the minimum distance bound of norm and trace Goppa polynomials.

### Projects

#### Project in Mathematical Optimization applied to Biotechnology

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program

2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory Intern Innovative Idea Challenge  $(I^3C)$ 

SKINS: Skin-growth boosting and Intra-absorptive Solution bandages

Supervised by: Ryan Burrow and Ashok Kumar, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

- Biotech research proposal submitted to the 2023 edition of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory I<sup>3</sup>C.
- Proposed a hydrogel bandage with accelerated wound healing and anti-scarring properties based on the combination of Sodium Carboxymethil Cellulose, BMM and Aloe vera.
- Estimated the materials cost and approximate bandage size to optimize the medicine amount.
- Analyzed statistics and compared performance of materials with standard antibiotics.
- Ranked Top 3 out of a total of 28 submitted proposals in the competition.

### Awards and Merits

Fellowships, Scholarships and Prizes	
2023 National GEM Consortium PhD Science Fellowship	August 2023–May 2024
<ul> <li>Purdue University Department of Mathematics Sponsorship</li> </ul>	August 2023–May 2024
<ul> <li>MIT Lincoln Laboratory Employer Sponsorship</li> </ul>	December 2022
2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory I <sup>3</sup> C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Research Proposal Prize	July 2023
2022 Evertec Inc. STEM Scholarship	October 2022
Puerto Rico-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Scholarship	August 2019–December 2022
Merits and Honors	
2023 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention	March 2023
2022 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar	June 2022
National Math Alliance Predoctoral Scholar	November 2021
UPRM Faculty of Arts and Sciences Honor Roll	August 2018–May 2023
National Trig-Star Math Competition, 16th Overall Finalist	June 2017
Eagle Scout Rank, with 2 Silver Palms	May 2017

### **Papers and Articles**

- [1] <u>E.J. Pabon-Cancel</u> and R.M. Ortiz-Albino. Properties of  $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes. *Currently in progress*.
- [2] S. Polk, <u>E.J. Pabon-Cancel</u>, R. Paleja, K. Chestnut-Chang, R. Jensen and M. Ramirez. Unsupervised Network-Based behavior Inference from human Action Sequences (UNBIAS). *Submitted*.
- [3] A. Allen, <u>E.J. Pabon-Cancel</u>, F. Piñero-Gonzalez and L. Polanco. Improving the Dimension Bound of Hermitian-Lifted Codes. *Submitted*. arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.01557
- [4] D. Chen, P.E. Harris, J. Carlos Martinez Mori, <u>E.J. Pabon-Cancel</u> and G. Sargent. Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments. *Enumerative Combinatorics and Applications*, **4:1**, 1-25 (2024). #S2R4.
- [5] P.E. Harris, Z. Markman, L. Martinez, A. Mock, <u>E.J. Pabón-Cancel</u>, A. Verga, and S. Wang. A Model for a One-Hour Workshop on Mentoring. *MAA Focus*, **43**(1), 18-21 (2023).
- [6] I. Byrne, N. Dodson, R. Lynch, <u>E.J. Pabon-Cancel</u> and F. Piñero-Gonzalez. Improving the minimum distance bound of Trace Goppa codes. *Designs, Codes and Cryptography.* **91**, 2649–2663 (2023).

June 2023–July 2023

#### **Poster Sessions and Presentations** • 2023 MIT Lincoln Lab Intern Innovative Idea Challenge 14, 21 July, 2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory Auditorium Lexington, Massachusetts Poster: Skin-Absorptive and Skin-Growth Boosting Bandages Presentation: SKINS: Skin-growth boosting and Intra-absorptive Solution Bandages • Combinatorics and Coding Theory in the Tropics (UPR-Ponce) 7 July 2023 Invited REU Seminar Talk: Graduate School: Application tips and advice Virtual Seminar • 2023 ACS Junior Technical Meeting-Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting 29 April, 2023 University of Puerto Rico at Bayamón, Sponsored by PR-LSAMP Bayamón, Puerto Rico Presentation: Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes • 38th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar 24-25 February, 2023 University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus Mayagüez, Puerto Rico Presentation: Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments • 2023 AAAS Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM 9-11 February, 2023 **Omni Shoreham Hotel** Washington, District of Columbia Poster: Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with cars of assorted lengths Joint Mathematics Meetings 2023 4-7 January, 2023 John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center Boston, Massachusetts Poster: Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with cars of assorted lengths Presentation: Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with Cars of Arbitrary Lengths • 2022 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference 27-29 October, 2022 Pedro Roselló Convention Center San Juan, Puerto Rico Poster: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes 2022 Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium 8-9 October, 2022 William Marsh Rice University Houston, Texas Presentation: Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes • Summer@ICERM 2022: Computational Combinatorics 3 August, 2023 Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics Providence, Rhode Island Presentation: On Permutation-Invariant Parking Sequences 2022 ACS Junior Technical Meeting-Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting 9 April, 2022 University of Puerto Rico at Humacao, Sponsored by PR-LSAMP Humacao, Puerto Rico Presentation: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes • Joint Mathematics Meetings 2022 (Virtual) 6-9 April, 2022 Poster: Improving Bounds of Hermitian-Lifted Codes • 37th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar (Virtual) 25-26 February, 2022 Poster: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Presentation: Improving Bounds of Hermitian-Lifted Codes • 2021 Math REU Conference@Clemson University (Virtual) 19 July, 2021 Presentation: Improved Hermitian-Lifted Codes • 2021 ACS Junior Technical Meeting-Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting 23-24 April, 2021 Sponsored by PR-LSAMP (Virtual) Presentation: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -atoms

• 35th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar University of Puerto Rico at Cayey Poster: The Study of  $\tau_{(n)}$ -atoms

### Workshops, Semester Mini-Courses and Summer Schools

Preliminary Arizona Winter School 2023: Elliptic Curves and Abelian Varieties Virtual Course October 2023–November 2023 Topics: Abelian varieties over finite fields Organizers: Southwest Center for Arithmetic Geometry, University of Arizona Preliminary Arizona Winter School 2022: Heights and Model Theory Virtual Course October 2022–November 2022 Topics: Heights in Diophantine geometry Organizers: Southwest Center for Arithmetic Geometry, University of Arizona **MSRI Modern Math Workshop 2022** San Juan, PR October 2022 Topics: Mathematical Modeling and Data Science Organizers: Hélène Barcelo (MSRI), Christian Ratsch (IPAM), Ulrica Wilson (ICERM) Thematic Program in p-adic L-functions and Eigenvarieties Notre Dame, IN *Topics: Modular Forms and Elliptic Curves (Undergraduate Summer School)* May 2022–June 2022 Organizers: A. Jorza, C. Raicu, E. O'Dorney (Center for Mathematics, University of Notre Dame) **Algebraic Coding Theory Workshop** Johnson City, TN Topics: Finite Fields and Projective Geometry June 2021 *Organizer: Fernando Piñero González (University of Puerto Rico at Ponce)* 

### Skills and Other Information

Programming: Python, SAGEMath, Julia, C++, MATLAB | Software: Git, LATEX Languages: English (fluent) and Spanish (native)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Mathematical Society Member	since October 2023
SACNAS Member	since March 2022
<ul> <li>National Eagle Scout Association Member</li> </ul>	since June 2017

#### Student Associations **PythagoRUM**

Co-founder & Vice-President

- Served as co-founder and Vice-President for the mathematics and computer science student association. This association has the purpose to promote research in mathematics, as well as related fields of STEM, through professional development workshops and research colloquia.
- Coordinated professional development workshops and semester activities.

#### Society of Physics Students, UPRM Chapter

Committee Assistant

• Served as a Demonstration Committee assistant in 2 physics phenomena presentations. The presentations were for an audience of 20+ elementary school students to motivate them to study science. Served as a Sales Committee assistant in chapter food sales events.

#### Mayagüez, PR

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August 2022–December 2022

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