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## education

## phd | computer science

uc berkeley | fall 2017-present

- major: learning
- minor 1: statistics
- minor 2: comp. neuroscience
- advised by bin yu & jack gallant

## bs | computer science & math

university of virginia | spring 2017

- conc. in statistics
- graduated with high distinction

### research interests

computational neuroscience interpretability computer vision

#### coursework

#### computation

computer vision
machine learning
structure learning
algorithms
artificial intelligence
deep learning seminar
learning theory
deep learning in graphics
theory of computation
data structures
software dev. I & II

#### neuro

neurobiology neural network models visual neuroscience cognitive science seminar

#### mathematics

statistical models optimization probability, statistics linear algebra real analysis linear models stochastic processes chaos theory I & II multivariate calculus discrete mathematics differential equations abstract algebra

## experience

## berkeley b. yu research lab | ai researcher

fall 2017 - present

- developed machine learning techniques to model high-dimensional neural data
- investigated methods to interpret deep learning methods
- examined brain-inspired models for computer vision

#### facebook | computer vision intern

summer 2017

- improved deep learning models for semantic segmentation of satellite imagery
- investigated autoencoders for unsupervised layer-wise pretraining
- implemented crfs for segmentation post-processing

### uva y. qi research lab | ml researcher

fall 2016 - spring 2017

- developed novel weighted- $\ell_1$ , multi-task gaussian graphical model
- analyzed large-scale functional brain connectivity with graphical models

#### hhmi s. turaga research lab | ml researcher

summer 2015, winter 2015, summer 2016

- implemented and extended novel watershed algorithms for neural image segmentation performance evaluation
- contributed to development of novel 3d unet cnn architecture with malis training objective
- distributed mllib random forest over compute cluster with apache spark

## uva w. levy research lab | comp. neuroscience researcher fall 2014 - fall 2016

- simulated biophysically detailed neurons to understand the computations of real neurons
- simulated stochastic gating of sodium channels to analyze noise, variability, and mutual information
- analyzed energy efficiency of neurons, particularly with regard to interpulse interval coding
- performed calculations for top-down and bottom-up partitioning of the brain's energy budget

## hhmi scientific computing | research intern

summer 2014

- examined effects of back-propagating action potentials by simulating intracellular neural firing with detailed biophysical models
- simulated extracellular recording from neurons and measured noise
- made detailed visualizations of action potential firing

## research innovations inc. | web dev / android intern

summer 2013 - spring 2014

- developed web application to simultaneously coordinate different tasks
- developed android app to increase data storage capacity of qr codes

## skills

## languages

experienced
python • java • matlab • ETEX
proficient

r • c++ • c • android • mathematica familiar

scala • javascript • django

#### machine learning

frameworks
tensorflow • scikit-learn • keras •
mllib • caffe
algorithms
cnns • graphical models • rfs

#### general

software
photoshop • NEURON
os
linux • mac • windows
ides
intellij • pycharm • eclipse • vim
collaboration
slack • github • markdown
languages
english • spanish • hindi

#### android

activity lifecycle • ui design • graphics

#### web

basic languages • django • mapping

## papers / posters

#### published/accepted

- morel, singh, & levy, 2018: "linearized synaptic integration at no extra cost" journal of computational neuroscience %
- singh, wang, & qi, 2017: "a weighted- $\ell_1$ , multi-task graphical model with applications to heterogeneous brain connectivity" nips 2017 workshop on advances in modeling and learning interactions from complex data  $\$   $\$
- singh & levy, 2017: "a consensus layer V pyramidal neuron can sustain interpulse-interval coding" plos one. % </>

#### under review

- funke, tschopp, grisaitis, sheridan, singh, saalfeld, & turaga, 2017: "a deep structured learning approach towards automating connectome reconstruction from 3d electron micrographs" tpami %</>
- levy lab: "neural computation at the thermal limit" %

#### posters / talks

- singh, 2017: "a novel machine-learning algorithm for uncovering brain connections underlying autism" uva undergraduate research & design symposium, winner in design category %
- singh, 2017: "uncovering brain connections underlying autism via graphical models" tom tom founder's machine learning conference %
- singh, 2017: "complexity leads to simplicity: investigating neural linearization via biophysical simulations" uva undergraduate research & design symposium semifinalist in research category (1 of 6 undergraduates)
- singh, hewitt, & turaga, 2015: "optimizing random forest image segmentation for connectomics" *janelia undergraduate scholar poster session* %

## awards

| uva rader research award             | 2017             |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| raven honor society                  | 2016-2017        |
| icpc regional qualification          | 2014, 2015, 2016 |
| 1st place microsoft code competition | 2016             |
| 3rd place google games uva           | 2017             |
| 2nd place apt puzzle competition     | 2017             |
| intermediate honors                  | 2016             |
| dean's list                          | 2014-2017        |
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## funding awards

| graduate student researcher appointment | 2018      |
|---|-----------|
| eecs departmental fellowship            | 2017      |
| vidya balvantrai shelat fund award      | 2016      |
| rodman scholar                          | 2014-2017 |

## outside activities

| im basketball, soccer                          | 2015-2018 |
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| apda, pf debate                                | 2010-2017 |
| indian student association                     | 2014-2017 |
| madison house volunteering (computer literacy) | 2014-2017 |
| chinmaya mission volunteering                  | 2010-2014 |

