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## EDUCATION

**Rice University, School of Engineering**, Computational Applied Math and Operations Research Department (CMOR) Houston, TX  
*MA in Computational and Applied Mathematics*, GPA: 4.00/4.00 (Fully Funded Fellowship) **August 2022 - August 2024**  
**Lebanese American University, School of Arts and Sciences** Beirut, Lebanon  
*BS in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science*, GPA: 3.97/4.00 (Full Merit Scholarship) **August 2019 - May 2022**  
Relevant Coursework: Algorithms and Data Structures, Database Management Systems, High Performance Computing.

## RELEVANT PROJECTS

**Reduced Order Modeling of Heat Equation**, Rice University - Houston, TX **April 2024**

- Applied model order reduction techniques such as Loewner and Hankel frameworks to heat equations using MATLAB.
- Investigated different approximations of the impulse response of heat equations with both diffusion and advection.

**Vaccination Center Website**, Lebanese American University - Beirut, Lebanon **April 2021**

- Developed a website using PHP, enabling patient registration for vaccinations and enhancing the efficiency of vaccination operations through the integration of robust functionalities and user-friendly interfaces.
- Implemented a database system with an entity relationship (ER) diagram using MySQL, optimizing data management for all entities at the vaccination center.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant - **CMOR Department**, Rice University - Houston, TX **May 2023 - Present**

- Studying non-linear optimization problems for large-scale biophysical neuron models.
- Developed a Python software to solve parameter estimation problems incorporating automatic differentiation techniques and post-optimality analysis.
- Trained a postdoc at Baylor College of Medicine on my software and presented my findings at SIAM TX-LA conference.

Outreach Director - **Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)**, Rice University - Houston, TX **May 2023 - Present**

- Facilitated a working relationship between the Graduate Student Association and OISS for graduate student issues.
- Directed the International Buddy Program (IBP), leading a team of 28 volunteers to provide essential support and resources to incoming international graduate students prior and during graduate orientation.

Co-Founder and CTO - **Stoodie** - Beirut, Lebanon **February 2022 - Present**

- Collaborated with a web developer to build a job shadowing platform for students to find job shadowing opportunities.
- Matched a cohort of 8 students with different professionals at an AI education company.
- Received seed-funding by UNICEF Lebanon and Kingdom of Netherlands, and won Jury's choice award by Injaz Lebanon and LAU hackathon for excellence in business pitch and entrepreneurial strategy.

## SKILLS & LANGUAGES

**Programming Languages:** Python, MATLAB, Java, C++ (OpenMP, MPI, CUDA), Julia, SQL, HTML, PHP.

**Python Libraries:** NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, JAX, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras.

**Software:** Git, Pyomo, IPOPT, Bash, LaTeX.

**Languages:** Bilingual - Fluent in English and Arabic; Basic in German and French.

## RELEVANT HONORS AND AWARDS

**Recognition Award**, School of Arts and Sciences, Lebanese American University **May 2022**

**Hackathon Winner**, Fouad Makhzoumi Innovation Center **February 2022**

**Top 2 Young Leader**, Saradar Bank and ESA Business School **September 2021**

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

**Curator** - TEDx Club - Houston, TX **September 2022 – December 2022**

- Coached speakers from Shell and Rice University, guiding them through multiple drafts and rehearsals to refine their TEDx talks and enhance their body language.
- Ensured all talks aligned with the event's theme and met TEDx content guidelines and other deadlines by TEDx organizers.

**AI Hackathon Trainer and Coding Instructor** - Geek Express - Beirut, Lebanon **September 2021 – July 2022**

- Mentored 20 students on different AI projects aiming to solve climate issues in collaboration with UAE ministry of climate change and environment.

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:** **Grader** - Rice University (August 2022 – Present); **Treasurer** - SIAM Club (Sep 2023-Present); **Coach** - Doerr Institute for New Leaders (Feb 2023 - Apr 2023); **Calculus Teaching Assistant** - Lebanese American University (Jan 2022 - May 2022); **President** - Mathematics Club (Sep 2021-May 2022); **University Ambassador** - Beirut AI (Nov 2021)