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EDUCATION

PhD in Artificial Intelligence — **Aug 2023 - Present**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology — **Cambridge, MA**
Coursework: Advanced Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing
Activities: AI Research Lab, Conference Speaker, Tech Workshops

Master of Science, Computer Science — **Aug 2021 - May 2023**
San Jose State University | GPA: 3.8/4.00 — **San Jose, California**
Coursework: Data Structures, Algorithms, Machine Learning, Distributed Systems
Activities: AI Club, Hackathons, Teaching Assistant

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science — **Aug 2019 - May 2023**
University of California, Berkeley | GPA: 3.6/4.00 — **Berkeley, California**
Coursework: Operating Systems, Computer Networks, Database Systems, Computer Vision
Activities: Robotics Club, Research Assistant, IEEE Student Chapter

WORK EXPERIENCE

Google — **May 2023 - August 2023**
Software Engineering Intern
- Developed and optimized back-end services to enhance system scalability. Implemented APIs and microservices using Java and deployed them on Kubernetes. Worked closely with the DevOps team to streamline CI/CD pipelines. Conducted unit and integration testing to ensure API reliability.
- Improved system performance by 20% through optimizations in API handling and introduced new testing frameworks that reduced bugs by 15%.

Facebook — **May 2022 - August 2022**
Data Science Intern
- Analyzed user engagement data to provide actionable insights for the product team. Built machine learning models for predicting user behavior. Collaborated with cross-functional teams to optimize key product features. Developed dashboards to monitor daily active user growth and engagement.
- Built a recommendation system that increased user engagement by 12% and led to a 10% increase in daily active users for a core feature.

Apple — **June 2020 - May 2021**
Software Engineer
- Developed and maintained key components of the iOS platform. Improved the user interface and system-level performance. Led a project that reduced app load times by 15%. Collaborated with cross-functional teams to ensure high-quality releases.
- Led a project that decreased application load times by 15%, enhancing user experience across millions of devices.

Tesla — **July 2019 - June 2020**
Full Stack Engineer
- Developed full-stack web applications for internal tools. Improved automation in manufacturing processes by collaborating with cross-functional teams. Built dashboards to reduce factory downtime and increase data processing speed. Optimized front-end and back-end workflows for better performance.
- Implemented a new manufacturing dashboard that reduced factory downtime by 30% and increased data processing speed by 25%

AWARDS

Best Hackathon Project — **March 15, 2022**
HackTech 2022
- Awarded for developing a machine learning-powered healthcare solution that predicts disease risk using patient data, won 1st place out of 200 teams.

Top Performer in Computer Science — **May 20, 2021**
University Annual Awards
- Recognized as the top-performing student in the Computer Science department with the highest GPA and contributions to several research projects.

Best Innovative Solution — **Nov. 10, 2020**
TechCrunch Hackathon
- Won the award for developing an innovative blockchain-based payment system that simplifies cross-border transactions and ensures security.

Most Impactful Hack **July 25, 2021**

Major League Hacking Summer Hack

- Recognized for developing a sustainability-focused app that tracks and reduces personal carbon footprints, chosen from among 150 participating teams.

PUBLICATIONS

- Quantum Computing: The Next Frontier — Nature
  Authors - James Powell, John Preskill
- Ethics in AI and Autonomous Systems — Ethics and Information Technology
  Authors - James Powell, Kate Crawford
- Deep Learning in Natural Language Processing — Journal of AI Research
  Authors - James Powell, Michael Jordan, Andrew Ng
- Blockchain Technology in Finance — IEEE Transactions on Finance
  Authors -James Powell, Satoshi Nakamoto, Vitalik Buterin
- Climate Change and Machine Learning — Science Advances
  James Powell, Yann LeCun, Geoffrey Hinton

LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP

AI Research Lab - Research Member

- Conducted research on the application of deep learning models to healthcare problems. Published papers on AI-driven diagnostics and presented findings at conferences.

Hackathons - Team Leader

- Led a team of students in various hackathons, developing innovative solutions using machine learning and data science. Secured multiple top finishes.

Robotics Club - Project Lead

- Led the design and implementation of autonomous robots for campus competitions, focusing on integrating machine learning algorithms into control systems.

IEEE Student Chapter - Vice President

- Organized and led technical workshops on electronics, programming, and circuit design for the student body. Coordinated events with industry professionals.

Teaching Assistant - Graduate Assistant

- Assisted professors with grading, led study sessions, and provided mentoring to students in machine learning and data structures courses.

PROJECTS

Advanced NLP Techniques for Legal Text Mining

- This project explores the development and implementation of advanced natural language processing (NLP) models to automate the extraction and analysis of legal documents. Focusing on legal text mining, it seeks to reduce the time and resources required to process large volumes of legal texts using machine learning and deep learning techniques.

Quantum Cryptography for Secure Communications

- This project investigates the use of quantum cryptography to enhance the security of communication systems. By leveraging quantum key distribution and encryption techniques, the project aims to build a secure, future-proof communication protocol capable of withstanding potential quantum computer threats.

Blockchain for Smart Contract Auditing

- This project focuses on using blockchain technology to create a secure auditing framework for smart contracts. The research aims to develop tools to automatically verify and audit smart contracts for vulnerabilities and errors before they are deployed to the blockchain.

AI-driven Climate Change Modeling

- This project aims to enhance the accuracy of climate change models by integrating artificial intelligence techniques. The goal is to predict long-term environmental changes, improve climate resilience, and provide data-driven insights for policy makers to mitigate climate-related risks.

Ethics Framework for AI in Autonomous Vehicles

- This project investigates the ethical challenges posed by autonomous vehicles and AI decision-making systems. The research aims to develop a comprehensive framework that ensures autonomous vehicle technologies are safe, fair, and accountable.

Certification

- **AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Amazon Web Services** **900/1000**
- **Google Cloud Professional Data Engineer - Google Cloud** **850/1000**
- **Microsoft Certified: Azure AI Engineer Associate - Microsoft** **920/1000**
- **Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA) - Cloud Native Computing Foundation** **875/1000**