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Education

California Institute of Technology

Senior, Computer Science (3.8 GPA)

Pasadena, CA September 2007 - present

Skills

- Computer skills: Python, Unix, C++, Java, Perl, MySQL, MATLAB, Mathematica
- Computer science classes: Algorithms, machine learning, neural computation, databases

Work Experience

• Protabit LLC Consultant, Summer 2012

- Used Python and a variety of bioinformatics tools to analyze the efficacy of protein design software.
- Caltech Department of Mathematics Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow, Summer 2011
 - Proved that Tutte polynomials do not satisfy the Kontsevich conjecture.
 - Implemented algorithms in Python, Maple, and FERMAT.
- MIT Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

Intern, Summer 2010

- Ran computer-based experiments to explore how people learn new words.
- Used Python to build the experiment website and interface it with Amazon Mechanical Turk.
- FAU Department of Complex Systems

Intern, Winter 2010

- Modeled therapist-client interactions by solving nonlinear differential equations.
- Caltech Department of Biology

Intern, Summer 2006

- Used C to stochastically model how fast selfish genes spread into a population.
- The model led to three publications and changed the research focus of the lab.

Projects

• Netflix challenge

Fall 2012

- Predicted movie ratings from training data. Ranked 14th in class competition.
- Used C++, the k-nearest neighbors algorithm, and a variant of singular value decomposition.
- Scrabble! Summer 2011
 - Wrote a curses-based Scrabble clone in Python.

Publications

• 6 journal articles: three in biology, two in mathematical psychology, one in mathematical physics. One paper published in *Science*. 2 presentations, both in mathematical psychology.

Awards

- Top 500 Putnam (2008)
- Lingle Scholarship (2007, awarded to top two freshmen in incoming class)
- Axline Scholarship (2007, full ride merit scholarship)