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Education

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Physics with concentration in Applied Mathematics

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Expected Graduation Date: May 2017

GPA: 3.64/4.0

Honors and Awards

Dean's List of Distinguished Students: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

Experience

Research Team Member

Professor Alexander Vladimirsky

Summer 2016

Department of Mathematics

Cornell University

I wrote a path-planning algorithm to improve ambulance response times. The algorithm allows ambulances to exploit their idle time by driving through more accident-prone areas. I implemented the algorithm using Python's NetworkX library, as well as a custom heap implementation which allowed for efficient in-place modification.

Research Team Member

Professor Bob Strichartz

Summer 2015

Department of Mathematics

Cornell University

I investigated properties of solutions to the Schrödinger equation on the Serpinski Gasket, a fractal space. I numerically solved the differential equation through discretization with a novel scheme, and equalled the previous theoretical bound on precision solutions for differential equations of this type.

Research Team Member

Professor John Phillip

Summer 2014

Department of Physics

Catholic University of America

I investigated the dynamics of micromagnetic systems. I used and wrote programs to simulate micromagnetic dynamics and produce theoretical predictions about the geometry-dependent properties of small ferromagnetic materials.

Intern

Lockheed Martin Corporation
Gaithersburg, MD

Summer 2013

I created a system to deploy servers automatically to execute hadoop and storm queries on a large dataset of healthcare records, as well as automated other systems administration tasks.

Electronics Aide

National Institute of Standards
and Technology (NIST)
Gaithersburg, MD

Summer 2012

I created a console to display active jobs and broken nodes on a computer cluster at NIST and repaired broken computers.

Skills

- Creating and analyzing numerical models, which used both linear algebra and differential equations to predict the behavior of a system, and experience writing executive summaries \LaTeX to summarize my findings to a nontechnical audience.
- Writing robot control systems with Linux, Robot Operating System (ROS) using Python (numpy/scipy).
- Designing mechanical systems on a FIRST robotics competition robot using Autodesk Inventor, as well as acting as lead engineer.
- Working on teams to deliver projects and write-ups in engineering and mathematical modeling classes, some involving collaborating on a significant amount of shared code using Git.

Programming Languages

- Proficient in Python, as well as its numpy and scipy libraries
- Experienced with Matlab, Julia, and Octave

Relevant Coursework

Math

Numerical Analysis
Nonlinear Dynamics
Mathematical Modeling
Complex Analysis

Physics

Fluid Dynamics
Thermodynamics
Computational Physics
Quantum Mechanics

Engineering

Mobile Sensor Planning
Robotic Manipulation
Circuits
Lasers and Photonics