ABHAY AGARWAL

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley - Physics, Computer Science, Applied Math, GPA - 3.84

May 2022

Coursework – Structure & Interpretation of Computer Programs, Data Science, Data Structures & Algorithms, Numerical Methods, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Discrete Math, Probability, Linear Algebra, Experimental Physics

SKILLS

- o Languages/Frameworks Python, Java, SQL, MATLAB, Docker, Git, MongoDB, Slurm
- Libraries TensorFlow, Keras, NumPy, Matplotlib, PyTest, Qiskit, PyMongo, SciPy, Pandas

WORK EXPERIENCE

o **POLARISqb** - Software Engineer

Aug 2022 - March 2023

- Published whitepaper to arXiv regarding the use of D-Wave Optimizers to solve Chicken and Waffles problem
- Implemented D-Wave Quantum Annealing and other tools and services to optimize (220 CPU hours on GCP to 5 hours) drug discovery process
- Optimized pipeline that evaluates large chemical space (> 1 billion molecules) to produce optimal drug candidates
- Designed containerized service to filter molecular fragment database with > 1M records for druglike fragments based on chemical constraints in < 30 seconds
- o Implemented robust testing procedures, including GitLab CI/CD, for various company libraries and modules
- O Handled chemists' technological needs and problems during drug research projects
- <u>IonQ</u> Quantum Machine Learning Intern

May 2021 – Aug 2021

- o Implemented Quantum ML approach to Vehicle Trajectory Prediction problem in field of autonomous vehicles
- O Developed code to generate trajectory data consisting of vehicle positions along one-dimensional axis
- o Built entire QML framework from scratch that creates model, feeds it data, and trains it to 90% accuracy
- o Participated in team meetings and communicated updates to manager and mentors regularly
- Created educational content for and delivered IonQ lectures at Sungkyunkwan University
- **<u>Berkeley Physics</u>** Quantum Computing Researcher

Jan 2021 – July 2021

- o Simulated surface trap for trapped-electron quantum computing in Dr. Häffner's group at Berkeley
- o **Derived theoretical magnetic field gradient** function by hand for several trap configurations
- Optimized gradient at electron's location by varying trap parameters like current, wire length etc.
- o N3AS Particle Physics Researcher

Jan 2021 – July 2021

- Studied Neutrino Oscillations using numerical simulations and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research course
- Simulated & created plots to aid observability and analysis of various neutrino phenomena including MSW resonance and vacuum & matter oscillations
- o Berkeley Astrophysics Computer Vision Researcher

June 2020 – Jan 2022

- o Implemented novel approach to classification of turbulence patterns in astrophysical fluids
- Designed Convolutional Neural Network using TensorFlow, Keras, NumPy, Matplotlib and other libraries
- Implemented configuration file functionality for the quick creation of neural networks
- Submitted jobs to Berkeley Savio using Slurm and created loss plots and confusion matrices to analyze results

PROJECTS

o <u>Tic-Tac-Toe AI</u>

May 2020 – June 2020

- o Created intelligent agent that plays Tic-Tac-Toe against user
- o Implemented Minimax algorithm and developed heuristic to differentiate good board position from bad
- Advanced Experimental Physics Project

Aug 2021 - Dec 2021

- Gathered data pertaining to four classical experiments in Physics: Optical Pumping, Gamma Ray Spectroscopy, Rutherford Scattering, and Compton Scattering
- o Analysed data and compiled results in four separate research articles written in published arXiv journal format
- o ULAB Cosmology Research

Sept 2019 - May 2020

- o Conceived project idea to calibrate Period-Luminosity relation for Cepheid variables
- Researched relevant physics, designed project plan, and extracted necessary data from Gaia Archive
- o Collaborated with team to analyze data using NumPy, Matplotlib, SciPy and other tools

ACHIEVEMENTS & LEADERSHIP

MIT iQuHack 2021 Overall Winner, Quantum Whack-a-Mole (GitHub Link)

Jan 2021

- o Developed Quantum version of Whack-a-Mole to inspire and inform about Quantum Circuits and design
- Leveraged Qiskit to design game with objective to find quantum mole, which uses quantum mechanics to escape!
- Project Division Leader at Quantum Computing Club at Berkeley (QCB)

Jan 2021 - Present

Designed projects to help students navigate their way through the vast world of Quantum Computing