# SIDDARTHA DEVIC

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## **EDUCATION**

## The University of Texas at Dallas

August 2017 - May 2021

B.S. Pure Mathematics, Computer Science (Double Major)

GPA: 3.97/4.0

CS<sup>2</sup> Computer Science Honors Program, Collegium V Interdisciplinary Honors Program

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Machine Learning Python, Tensorflow, Keras, PyTorch, OpenCV, sklearn

Programming & Software Java, C++, Linux, C#, C, vim, git, LATEX, Unity3D, QT, MIPS

## WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Labs

Summer 2019

Research Intern

- AI and machine learning research with the Machine Perception group in Tactical Intelligent Systems.
- Active secret clearance (2029) for classified defense projects dealing with object detection.
- Unclassified fundamental research project investigating deep active learning with "Accurate Layerwise Interpretable Confidence Estimation" (ALICE).
- Developed active learning framework for Keras and Pytorch; rapid prototyping of ML models.

## Advanced Networks Research Lab

April 2018 - Present

Student Researcher, UT Dallas

- Applied machine learning and convex optimization research under the guidance of Prof. Jason Jue.
- Agent-based recovery for networks with theory and reinforcement learning in graphs [preprint].
- Online convex optimization for regret bounds on the online progressive recovery problem in graphs.
- Inference-time failure resilient distributed neural networks using novel training techniques [preprint].

Markov Lab October 2017 - Present

Student Researcher, UT Dallas

- Fundamental machine learning research under the guidance of Prof. Nicholas Ruozzi.
- Iterative and stochastic convex function fitting with applications in reinforcement learning [poster].
- Piecewise linear convex hulls in kernel space for arbitrary function representation and minimization.
- Investigating maximum margin neural networks for improved generalization [blog][poster].

## Future Immersive Virtual Environments Lab

Summer 2017

Student Researcher, UT Dallas

- Novel method for physical object selection and representation in virtual reality [poster].
- Prototyped in Unity3D for the HTC VIVE headset as part of Clark research program for pre-freshman.

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS

Guardians of the Deep Fog: Resilient Distributed Neural Network Inference from Edge to Cloud. Ashkan Yousefpour\*, **Siddartha Devic**\*, Brian Nguyen\*, Alan Liao, Abdul Rahman Kreidieh, Alexandre M. Bayen, Jason P. Jue. *ACM AIChallengeIoT Workshop*, 2019

DeepPR: Incremental Recovery for Interdependent VNFs with Deep Reinforcement Learning. Genya Ishigaki, **Siddartha Devic**, Riti Gour, Jason P. Jue. *IEEE GLOBECOM*, 2019.

## **MANUSCRIPTS**

DeepPR: Progressive Recovery for Interdependent VNFs with Deep Reinforcement Learning. Genya Ishigaki, **Siddartha Devic**, Riti Gour, Jason P. Jue. *Under review at IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications (J-SAC) special issue on Machine Learning.* 

#### POSTERS & TALKS

A Study of Points in Hypercubes

(Slides, UTD Problem Solving 2019)

ALICE for Deep Active Learning

(Talk, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Labs 2019)

Failure-Resilient Distributed Deep Learning Inference (Poster, Huawei Future Networks Summit 2019)

Convex Functions for Reinforcement Learning (Poster, UTD Undergraduate Research Contest, 2019)

Robust Optimization with Applications in Networking

(Slides, UTD Graduate Seminar, 2019)

A Reinforcement Learning based Approach to Networking

(Slides, UTD Graduate Seminar, 2019)

Improving Generalization in Neural Networks Through Margin Maximization

(Poster, UTD, 2018)

Digitally Representing Physical Objects for Collision Avoidance in VR (Poster, Clark Program, 2017)

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Undergraduate Research Scholar Award

Top 20 Intel Innovate FPGA 2018 (Semi-finalist, YOLO for traffic safety [writeup])

School of Engineering Dean's List (Top 10%)

UTD Academic Excellence Scholarship (Honors level)

Clark Summer Research Program (Participant & Advisor)

2018 - 2019

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## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**ACM UTD Chapter President** Lead the largest CS organization at UTD (1000+ Members). Organize a 40 person team that coordinates student-based semester long technical projects, mentorship programs, a 700+ person hackathon, funding for student startups, and industry talks. 8-10 hours/week.

**Empower Through Code** Organize and attend weekly STEM workshops for at-risk middle school girls in low income areas, exposing them to engineering and developing critical thinking. 2-3 hours/week.

## RELEVANT COURSES (BY MAY 2020)

 ${\bf Graduate} \ \hbox{--} \ {\bf Computational} \ {\bf Geometry}$ 

**Honors** - Data Structures and Algorithms, Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Differential Equations, Discrete Mathematics II, Automata Theory, Programming Languages, Digital Logic.

Normal - Advanced Algorithms, Machine Learning, Differential Geometry, Probability, Statistics, Abstract Algebra I, Mathematical Analysis I & II, Linear Algebra, Calculus I, II, & III.

## SELECTED TECHNICAL PROJECTS

RuTroll, HackHarvard 2018 Developed chrome extension to highlight tweets likely to come from a Russian propaganda bot. Natural language processing classifier based on the 538 dataset [github].

Green Raccoon, EarthxHack 2018 Educational react-native mobile application which takes pictures of objects and determines if they are recyclable or not based on semantic heuristics [blog].