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Education

University of Oxford

2024 – 2025

- ⚡ MSc in Advanced Computer Science

University of Cambridge

2021 – 2024

- ⚡ Graduated with **distinction**, ranked **5th** out of 113 students
- ⚡ Highly Commended final year Dissertation
- ⚡ First class in first, second and third year, ranked 18th, 5th and 5th

The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

2014 – 2021

- ⚡ 4 A*s in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science at A Level

Employment

Research Intern, Cambridge Computer Lab

12 weeks, Summer 2024

- ⚡ Compared the effectiveness of ML backdoors to adversarial examples under different threat models. Worked with both vision and text models. This work is being written up for publication.
- ⚡ Profiled LLM inference to evaluate whether batching and compressing similar queries at the input level could lead to higher throughput.

Research Intern, Cambridge Computer Lab

12 weeks, Summer 2023

- ⚡ Investigated weight-invariant backdoors embedded in the computation graph of neural networks. Automated their construction and overcame the limitations of previous methods. The [resulting paper](#) was accepted into [S&P](#): the top security conference.
- ⚡ Discovered and implemented a novel method of locking neural networks to specific hardware. This method degrades the model performance to near-random guessing when they are pruned or quantised. This work was incorporated into a [paper](#) which has been submitted to [SaTML](#).

Projects

⚡ Uncertainty estimation for spiking neural networks

The resulting dissertation was **highly commended**. Generalised uncertainty estimation methods to spiking neural networks, evaluating theoretical correctness, and empirical correctness on downstream tasks with neuromorphic data. Over 12000 lines of code.

⚡ Sequence classifier expressivity

Compared the theoretical expressivity to the empirical expressivity for sequence classification models. Resulting work was commended by a Cambridge lecturer.

Skills

- ⚡ **Programming** Written over 30,000 lines of Python code. Completed projects and coursework in C++, Java and OCaml.
- ⚡ **Machine Learning** Substantial experience working with machine learning systems.
- ⚡ **Linux** 🐧 Using Linux on my main laptop. Experience with remote development on GPU servers and HPC.

Accomplishments

- ⚡ Churchill College Prize Scholarship: 2022, 2023, 2024
- ⚡ Jon Rabone prize for ‘the most meritorious performance for an undergraduate in Churchill College in the Computer Science Tripos Exams’: 2022, 2023
- ⚡ 3rd group in Hack Cambridge 2022 out of 107 participants