

### **Current future.**

I am pursuing a career as a machine learning engineer in tech companies in the Bay Area, where I aim to stay at the forefront of technological advancements. While I'm deeply committed to my technical work, I am also passionate about doing my own business beyond coding. On weekends, it would be nice to hang out with my friends, enjoying the sunlight and beautiful nature in the California. The MEng in EECS degree at UC Berkeley not only enhances my professional credibility but also provides the legal access to work in the US, and I'm also excited to be part of the amazing Cal alumni network.

### **Similar futures.**

Here are some professionals whose careers align with the future I envision:

1. Terry Chen(famous YouTuber, it's ok to mention his name): A Software Engineer with experience across several startups in diverse industries, from eCommerce to finance and beauty. He's also a content creator on YouTube, sharing his journey and insights with others who have similar aspirations. Terry's combination of technical roles and entrepreneurial spirit, along with his motivation to create and share, evokes my own goals of balancing engineering with business ventures.
2. L K: A Research Engineer at Google DeepMind, L holds dual master's degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science at Stanford. He has succeeded in leading tech companies and is now venturing into his own business. His path, from advanced education to significant roles in leading companies and eventually entrepreneurship, is particularly inspiring .
3. A K: Currently working at Meta, A holds a bachelor's degree from China and an MEng from UC Berkeley. She has an extensive background in both research and industry experience. A's career interests me because of her ability to integrate deep technical expertise with real-world applications, and her commitment to helping others in the same field grow, which aligns with my own desire to stay connected with the community while advancing in my career.

Besides, other two or three professionals I can reach out to have similar experiences in top education in the Bay Area(i.e. Berkeley & Stanford). Two of them are working in tech/autonomous vehicle leads in China after graduation, one for PM and one for software development, and both of their companies have some cross-border business.

### **Alternative future.**

STEM teacher for middle/high school. This is the top preference that I have thought about several times, but it would be best after my retirement of engineer. I would say the importance of guidance in young ages can't be emphasized more. I feel I have received insightful suggestions when I was in middle/high, and I would like to feedback to younger generations. Plus staying with students will trace me back to some precious memory I have at that age.

**Moonshot.**

I envision a role as a tech lead in a medium-sized company, where my primary responsibility would be developing products that can be integrated into people's everyday lives. My typical day would begin with a refreshing morning walk in the park, setting a calm and focused tone for the day. Upon arriving at work, I'd start with a client meeting to define requirements and set milestones for the upcoming quarters. In the afternoon, I'd gather the development team to assign key objectives and establish timelines. As the day progresses, I'd engage with developers to discuss tough bugs and ensure the project stays on track. After work, I'd either go to the gym for a workout or play a few video games at home. My evening routine would conclude with a relaxing bath and some reading to stay informed and inspired. Weekends would be reserved for quality time with friends or family, enjoying nature, playing music, or attending sports or art events.