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Education

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, College of Science and Engineering

Minneapolis, MN

B.S. Computer Science

Anticipated May 2025

M.S. Computer Science

Anticipated May 2026

Completed Coursework: Linear Algebra, Multivariate Calculus, Discrete Math, Statistics, Algorithms and Data Structures, and Advanced Programming.

Anticipated Coursework: Computer Vision, Real Time Embedded Systems, Robotics, Machine Learning Fundamentals, and Operating Systems.

GPA: 4.0

Projects

Facial Recognition with Eigenfaces, Final Project for Linear Algebra

December 2022

As part of a team project, a facial recognition system was designed using eigenfaces, a dimensionality reduction technique. Worked on cleaning data, extracting features using singular value decomposition, and training a model using support vector machines. Achieved a 85% f1-score and summarized our results for class.

Femto - Game Engine, Independent Project

May 2022

Developed the architecture for a game engine based around an entity component system. Worked on creating serializable scenes, scripting support, a resource manager, and a gui. Utilized modern C++ and the libraries Entt, Imgui, and Raylib for the core entity component system, the gui, and the rendering engine respectively. The Engine has been tested once in the GMTK game jam.

Genetic Learning for Self Driving Cars, Independent Project

August 2020

Created a self driving car simulation with genetic learning algorithms. Implemented a basic physics simulation for cars and a neural network model to train. Trained and Evaluated the model using genetic learning techniques. Documented the results and merged suggested changes.

Skills

Soft Skills: Collaboration, Adaptability, Communication, Problem Solving, Independence, and Motivation

Proficient: Git, Python (Numpy, Scikit-learn), C++ / C, Java, Lua, and OpenGL / GLSL

Basic: Javascript (React, Node, GraphQL), SQL, and HTML / CSS

Experience

UMN Housing & Residential Life, Facilities Employee

Minneapolis, September 2022 - December 2022

Completed responsibilities while collaborating with co-workers to maintain a well-functioning residence hall.

Self Managed, Lawn Care Service

St. Louis, March 2018 - August 2022

Cooperated with clients to maintain and improve their lawn. Managed expenses and gear for optimal operation.