

## Kleiner Perkins Fellowship

### Question 1: What impact do you want to have on the world and why?

The way I think about life and my existence is based around the combination of four ideas: golden image, impulse, impulse response, and regret minimization.

But first, let's get some terminology:

A *golden image* in computing refers to a snapshot/state of a system at that particular time, aka checkpoint. An *impulse* in engineering refers to an input signal that perturbs a system. An *impulse response* is the output of a system based on an impulse signal. Finally, *regret minimization* is a framework that asks the question, "when I'm 80, am I going to regret this [decision]?"

Combining the four, here's how I view life:

Let's take a golden image before I become a contributing member of society (childhood), and let's take another golden image on the day I die. Now, let's model all of my life's effort and contribution by some impulse function and record the response by an impulse response function. The closer the impulse response is to the golden image on my deathbed, the more I've positively contributed to society and the fewer regrets I'll have in life. Conversely, the further away from the impulse response and the final golden image are to one another, the more guilt I must've had on my deathbed.

This makes it simple: **make decisions that'll most likely shape the future positively, thereby reducing the amount of regrets.**

How I do it is the ultimate question! And that's what Kleiner Perkins Fellowship will help me answer.