# Sinclair Hudson University of Toronto MSc of Applied Computing, graduating Dec 2024

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#### Education

University of Toronto

#### Master's of Science in Applied Computing, Artificial Intelligence Concentration

Sept '23 – Dec '24 (expected)

• Vector Scholarship in Artificial Intelligence, worth \$17 500 CAD.

#### University of Waterloo

## Bachelor of Computer Science, Honours, Co-operative Program, AI Specialization

Sept '18 – Apr '23

- 91.26 cumulative GPA, 93.50 major average
- President's Research Award, President's International Experience Award
- Courses in computer vision, autonomous vehicles, and machine learning

#### **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

#### Sim-to-Real Domain Adaptation for Lane Detection and Classification in Autonomous Driving

*June* 2022

- Co-Authored a peer-reviewed research paper on sim2real lane detection using the CARLA simulator, integrating current GAN research with state-of-the-art lane detection models.
- Presented the paper at a poster board session during the Intelligent Vehicles 2022 symposium.

### Application of machine learning for drone classification using radars

April 2021

- Used a convolutional neural network to classify 5 different commercial drones based on a Fourier transform of their noisy RADAR return signal.
- Authored a research paper and presented it at the SPIE 2021 Conference, with a follow-up peer-reviewed paper.
- Created a detailed physics-based simulation of RADAR returns bouncing off of a drone in flight, and used the simulated data to validate classification methods.
- Came 1st place in the Hack The North 2020++ CANSOFCOM Drone ML challenge.

## Experience

Cruise

San Francisco, CA

Sept '22 – Dec '22

### **Model Deployment Platform Engineer**

- Developed a set of debugging tools to assist in model deployment, reducing deployment time by days in some cases
- Built a tool to automatically assess numerical divergence between the original PyTorch models and optimized models using TensorRT and custom computation graph representations.
- Built a linter to map ONNX nodes to lines in PyTorch source code, saving model deployment engineers hours.
- Created a tool to manually add outputs to exported ONNX graphs, allowing engineers to inspect intermediate activations while debugging models.

#### **NVIDIA**

Santa Clara, CA (remote)

# Deep Learning Researcher for Autonomous Vehicles

Jan '22 – Apr '22

- Designed and iterated on multiple experiments for a LiDAR object detection neural network, improving cyclist and pedestrian F-scores by 43% and 15%, respectively.
- Implemented sparse tensor object detectors using Minkowski Engine, outperforming the baseline model while using 70% less memory.
- Integrated confidence predictions into a LiDAR object detection auto-labeling pipeline, allowing human annotators to focus efforts on anomalous and challenging data instances.
- Used internal tools to deploy and monitor experiments on a GPU cluster.

#### **DarwinAI**

Waterloo, ON (remote)

#### Machine Learning Developer

May '21 – Aug '21

- Built and tested defect detection deep learning solutions for clients in the manufacturing industry.
- Trained XGBoost and SVR systems to model the relationship between environmental conditions and yield for an agriculture client, achieving 11% median error by weight.
- Implemented the core functionality of Dataset Distillation using the autograd package, to pursue research in low-data machine learning contexts.
- Designed and created an anomaly detection research repository in PyTorch, for interal research detecting anomalies in images.
- Implemented VAE, VQ-VAE, and VQ-VAE-2 from scratch in PyTorch, evaluating each autoencoder as an anomaly detector.

Untether AI TORONTO, ON (REMOTE) *Sept '20 – Dec '20* 

# Software Developer

- Built a customer-facing Python API to optimize, format and quantize TensorFlow computation graphs.
- Designed and implemented Non-Max Suppression for quantized values using only integer operations, allowing single-shot detector pipelines to run on-chip.
- Experimented with different quantization schemes to improve the mAP of an SSD-ResNet-34 by 5%.
- Implemented a lookup table class to represent arbitrary non-linear functions in a quantized space.

#### Huawei Markham, ON

# **LiDAR Perception Researcher**

Jan '20 – Apr '20

- Implemented key modules from 12 different research papers in PyTorch, summarizing state-of-the-art techniques and enabling further research.
- Built DBLiDARNet and focal loss from scratch in PyTorch to use in semantic segmentation experiments.
- Analysed the SemanticKITTI dataset to produce optimal class loss weights, increasing mIoU by 2%.
- Wrote a data loader to spatially align sequential LiDAR scans for temporal pipelines, based on IMU data.

Please refer to my Linkedin profile for a complete list of work experiences.

#### **Skills**

Languages: Python, C++, R, C, LaTeX, Java, Javascript

Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV, ROS, Gradio Tools: Git, Docker, Conda, Bazel, CARLA, VIM, GCP, Linux, TensorRT