Tai (P) Nguyen

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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

B.S, Computational Physics

• GPA: 3.6/4.0

Provost Honors

Relevant Coursework: Error Analysis Class, Basic Data Structure class, and Introduction to Lagrangian Mechanics course

Relevant EXPERIENCE

Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA

February/2020-Present

Expected June 2022

Volunteer Researcher

- Taught myself Python code in order to finish a project started by a Post-Graduate that became a critical finding in the research project
- Created a high level numerical representation of how a network of neurons behave in order to potentially provide a simplified model of how actual neurons work
- Discovered with UCSD Physics Professor, Tatyana Sharpee that some neurons had to be unbalanced after many failed trials of symmetrically balanced neurons

UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA

September/2019-Present

Supplemental Instruction Leader

- Lead 40 students to increase their grades by 1/3 of a letter on average
- Would work 10 hours a week to plan and carry out intensive study sessions that would band together students and help them succeed.
- Successfully compressed 10 weeks of content in a single 3 hour session

UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA

March 2021

SPS Hackathon 2021 Member

- Received 2nd place out of 15 teams on my Hackathon Project
- Spent 24 hours building a computer model with 7 decks of playing cards

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April 2021

Datahacks 2021 Member

- Utilized Google Cloud's Natural Language API on Jupyter Notebook to religious texts based on how positive or negative their words sounded.
- Cooperated with a team of 4 to make an extensive report on the relation between the 3 books of Hebrew and how it developed.
- Ended up making the conclusion that Buddhism seemed to have the most negative words compared to all the other religious texts.

SKILLS

- Technical skills: Java, Python, and MATLAB
- Language: Proficient in English and Spanish
- Public Relations Director of Acappella Choir
- Public Relations member of Society of Physics Students at UCSD