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EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology [Caltech], *Computer Science, 3.9 GPA*

Class of 2016

- **Biological Neuroscience and Cognition:** Introduction to Neuroscience (Bi/CNS 150), Optogenetic Methods in Experimental Neuroscience (Bi/CNS/BE 230), Cognitive Neuroscience Tools (CNS/Psy 115)
- **Computational Neuroscience:** Neural Computation (Bi/CNS/CS 187), Human Brain Mapping: fMRI Theory and Practice (CNS 251)
- **Computer Graphics and Computer Vision:** Computer Graphics (CS/CNS 171), GPU Programming (CS 179), Computer Graphics Research Project class (CS 174), Introduction to Computer Graphics Research (CS 176), Discrete Differential Geometry (CS 177), Advanced Robotics: Motion and Vision (ME/CS 132)
- **Other Computer Science:** Machine Learning - Theory and Practice (CS 156ab), Functional Programming (CS 115), Mathematical and Computational Linguistics (Ma 191), Data Structures and Algorithms (CS 38), Decidability and Tractability (CS 21), Introduction to Computing Systems (CS 24)
- **Mathematics and Physics:** Single and Multivariable Calculus (Ma 1ac), Linear Algebra (Ma 1b), Differential Equations (Ma 2a), Probability and Statistics (Ma 2b), Classical Mechanics and Electromagnetism (Ph 1abc), Waves, Quantum Mechanics, and Statistical Mechanics (Ph 2ab)
- **Foreign Language:** Japanese - Intermediate (L106abc, L107abc)

WORK AND EXPERIENCE

Tokyo Institute of Technology, *Research Exchange Student*

June 2015 - August 2015

- Explored Cognitive Neuroscience from the perspective of Computer Science by carefully analyzing fMRI data using standard statistical and Machine Learning techniques.
- Worked with Professor Akama to design language tasks, run the fMRI experiments, and subsequently analyze and interpret the data to derive conclusions about the neural bases of language switching.
- Devised a novel Machine Learning paradigm to apply the technique of MVPA data to our unique dataset.
- Continuing research by exploring possible resting-state fMRI analyses that can be done, made possible by the unique design of the original experiment.

Apple, *Platform Architecture - Graphics Research Intern*

June 2014 - September 2014

- Worked with the exploratory graphics team to provide recommendations for future graphics hardware based on research results.
- Developed novel, in-house graphics software algorithms, corroborated by recent research, to demonstrate efficient and visually appealing improvements over the prior pipeline and pre-existing techniques.

Samsung Mobile R&D, *Software Engineering Intern*

July 2013 - September 2013

- Developed testing suites for enterprise security applications and their derivatives by working with Android testing tools and bash/python scripting for full automation.
- Worked alongside my team by handling automation and development, and created test cases for various parts of the overall testing suite, including optimizing a UI interface for internal use.
- Fixed errors with testing tools, involving careful manipulation of the Android source code, while additionally ensuring compatibility with Samsung's current and future internal modifications.

Caltech, *Teaching Assistant for CS 171: Computer Graphics*

September 2013 - January 2014

- Responsibilities included holding occasional recitation sessions, weekly office hours, and grading student assignments. Additionally designed study guides to help students finish the assignments.

ChoiceFork, *Researcher*

April 2013 - June 2013

- Building up from scratch the logistics of improving decision making on the internet as the sole researcher and developer. Ideas were centered around Natural Language Processing.

Vora Labs, *Testing and Software Development*

Summer 2012

- Created unit tests with JUnit for all parts of the development on the backend, while additionally developing various backend and frontend tasks as needed, including product search recommendations.

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Investigating the Neural Basis of Trialwise Language Switching in Late Japanese-English Bilinguals

Jun. 2015 - Present

- Analyzing fMRI data collected from Japanese-English bilinguals during a language-switching task to confirm involved brain regions, and to study underlying patterns using machine learning to simultaneously understand the neural basis of semantic representation of objects and bilingual language-switching.

Determining brain connectivity and modulation involved in decision making using Dynamic Causal Modeling, *CNS180 Research*

Jan. 2015 - Present

- Using Dynamic Causal Modeling (DCM) to gauge the likelihood of selected models across the space of connectivities and modulations involved in five critical regions in the brain playing a part in decision making.

Boundary Conditions of Mesh Conformal Parametrization, *CS176 Research* *Dec. 2013 - April 2014*

- Investigating boundary conditions involved in conformal parametrization of meshes, and finding alternatives to the de-facto Von Neumann boundary conditions in mesh processing.

Edge-Preserving Linear-Time Smoothing Optimization, *CS174 Research* *March 2013 - June 2013*

- Optimizing an edge-preserving linear-time smoothing filter algorithm (Gastal, Oliveira; SIGGRAPH 2011), and implementing both a CPU and GPU version with novel improvements.

Automated Inbetweening between Noisy Keyframes, *CS81 Research*

Dec. 2012 - March 2013

- Using ideas from both Computer Graphics and Applied Math to develop a generalized method that can automatically generate artist-drawn keyframes in a way that is faithful to the artist's intent.

SKILLS AND AWARDS

Skills: C/C++, Java, Python, Haskell, R, Octave, Matlab, Mathematica, OpenGL, GLSL, CUDA, Android (ADT), ANTLR, Bash Scripting, L^AT_EX, Markdown, Git and Github (**see above**)

Awards: Tokyo Institute of Technology International Research Opportunities Program (TiROP): Caltech Representative (*Summer 2015*), Stauffer Scholarship (Caltech, *Winter-Spring 2014*), Marion Gene Vincenti Scholarship (Caltech, *Spring 2013*), Frances and Howard Vesper Scholarship (Caltech, *Spring 2013*), 1st place Google Games Coding Competition (*Spring 2013*), 11th Place Regional ACM Collegiate Programming Contest (*Winter 2012*), Association for Computing Machinery Membership, (*Spring 2013*), Top 5 in Silver Division on USA Computing Olympiad US Open Contest (*Spring 2012*), Honda-OSU Math Medal (*Spring 2012*), 1st Place American Computer Science League Contest (*Spring 2012*)