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EDUCATION

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Work Experience

Prompt Engineering

Outlier AI

Nov. 2024 - Present

Remote

• Math and language expert: I got assigned to Math projects where I need to train an AI model via human reinforcement learning. I do this by coming up with Math problems where the AI model makes a reasoning error. Then I need to point out and fix that error by understanding the math and pointing out where the reasoning went wrong.

PROJECTS

Radio galaxy symmetry finder (Honours project)

Python

- Reflexive symmetry: I found reflexive symmetry on radio galaxies by applying principal component analysis on the radio galaxy images. I did unsupervised classification of the radio galaxies using the reflexive properties.
- Curved symmetry: I found curved symmetry by using polynomial regression to fit a polynomial to form the nearest curved line. I used these polynomials to create feature vectors, which I used to perform supervised classification between radio galaxies.

Stock Wizard (application)

Flutter, Android

- Backend: I created backend server functions using NodeJS. These functions scrapes financial data from the web and returns it to the frontend client upon request.
- Frontend: The frontend client I created using Flutter.

Message protocols research

Java, Springboot, React

- Overview: For one of my modules I got assigned to a company where we needed to research the different message protocols. We tested them between micro services.
- Backend: The backend consisted of different microservice components. In addition, a PostgreSQL database was used.
- **Frontend**: The frontend served simply as a dummy to communicate between the back-end components. It was a basic user website with some functionality.
- Conclusion: The conclusion was that the AMQP message protocol was the most effective in terms of ease of setup and speed.

Markdown collaboration

React, NodeJS

- Overview: A team project for one of my modules: A webapp where multiple users can collaborate on a markdown note at the same time.
- Backend: The backend consisted of a PostgreSQL database to store user and note data. It also managed the websocket functionality that allows multiple users to collaborate at the same time.
- **Frontend**: The frontend was done in React. It consisted of a login page with email verification. The main page was the note collaboration page.