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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Class of 2024

GPA: 3.9 | August 2020 - Present

Mechanical Engineering BS & Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Minor

Relevant Coursework: Thermodynamics, Solid Mechanics, Two and Three-Dimensional CAD Modeling and FEA, MATLAB, Physics I & II, Calculus II & III, Linear Algebra and Differential Equations, Intro to Computer Science (Python)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Research Assistant | **Grace O'Connell Biomechanics Lab**

Berkeley, CA | December 2020 – Present

- Developed 3+ ANSYS Meshing models by optimizing node/element features to account for node conformity at contact regions, unique material assignments, and simulation parameters in FEBio (Biomechanics solver)
- Enhanced validation of FEM bovine model by constructing 7+ experiments in FEBio to verify mechanical properties of model over multiple loading modalities and physical, experimental data
- Modeled 4+ biphasic and triphasic tissue structures with validated bovine disc model in FEBio to examine stress and strain distributions and to simulate transport of solvent, ion, and water contents in fiber-reinforced tissues
- Assembled FEA data from FEBio in MATLAB to categorize, curve-fit, and graph results of computational models

Aero Lead | **CalSol, UC Berkeley Solar Vehicle Team**

Berkeley, CA | July 2020 – Present

- Validated aerodynamic performance of solar vehicle by performing over 30+ Flow tests in ANSYS Fluent to strengthen understanding of weather conditions impact on vehicle and to forecast driving techniques in future races
- Optimized design of shell in SolidWorks by refining surface modeling of our vehicle's geometry to reach appropriate 0.00+ degree draft angles to prepare for molding and manufacturing of exterior shell for vehicle
- Investigated model stability by parameterizing meshing features and conducting mesh convergence studies to evaluate validity of ANSYS Fluent simulations
- Conducted 4+ PDR (Preliminary Design Reviews) with CalSol managers, alumni, and General Motor representatives

President | **VEX Robotics/Engineering Club**

Peoria, AZ | August 2018 – May 2020

- Saved school over \$3000 dollars by designing, producing, and placing teachers' names on their doors in paper textiles
- Placed in top 10% for all Arizona VEX teams for VEX Robotics at state competition
- Advised CAD Assembly team, who was tasked with recreating robot in a 1-to-1 assembly in SolidWorks

WORK EXPERIENCE

Network Engineering Assistant | **STS (Student Technology Services)**

UC Berkeley | October 2020 – August 2021

- Wrote and programmed 3+ Python scripts and templates to expedite data collection process in Excel documents
- Renewed network switches and access points in 150+ ports in university housing to sustain ethernet connection systems

SLC Math Tutor | **SLC (Student Learning Center)**

UC Berkeley | January 2021 – August 2021

- Backed up professor instruction by creating custom practice questions to reinforce lecture topics and review concepts
- Spearheaded group tutoring sessions of 4+ to help students struggling in similar areas in single-variable calculus

PROJECTS

CFD Review | **CalSol, UC Berkeley Solar Vehicle Team**

UC Berkeley | March 2021 – May 2021

- Collaborated with classmate to examine impact of 20 m/s wind speeds and 0-35 degree direction angle for winds flowing against the motion of our solar vehicle to make recommendations for future vehicle designs
- Meshed shell model, defined solution domain, and conducted flow simulations in ANSYS to imitate wind scenarios
- Concluded that major forces at play (drag, lift, side-force, torque) all peaked and flow separation was most common at ~25 degree crosswinds, which corresponds closely with other studies

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 6th Place American Solar Challenge 2021 & 5th Place Formula Sun Grand Prix 2021 August 8, 2021
- NSF REU (National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates) Grant April 23, 2021
- CSWA (Certified SolidWorks Associate) Certification (Certification Number: C-SHL4RND67P) November 16, 2019

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Engineering/Computer Applications:** SolidWorks (proficient), MATLAB (proficient), ANSYS Fluent and Mechanical (proficient), ANSYS Meshing (proficient), FEBio (proficient), Python (proficient), Paraview (competent)
- **Languages:** Arabic (conversational), Spanish (conversational)
- **Interests:** Avid Basketball Fan (#DontSleepontheSuns), Casual Movie and TV Reviewer, Ardent Minecraft Enthusiast