

# ABHISHEK PANDYA

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## EDUCATION

**University of Pennsylvania • Philadelphia, PA**

August 2019 – May 2023

School of Engineering and Applied Science

*Bachelor of Science in Engineering in **Computer and Information Science*** GPA: 3.9/4.0

*Masters of Science in Engineering in **Data Science*** - Planned GPA: 4.0/4.0

**South Brunswick High School • South Brunswick, NJ**

September 2015 – June 2019

Attended NJ Governor's School • National Merit Scholarship Winner • Outstanding Math Student

## EXPERIENCE

**Data Structures + Algorithms Teaching Assistant**

January 2021 – Present

- Data Structures and Algorithms (Jan 2021 - Present) and Discrete Math (Jan 2020 - Dec 2020)
- Held weekly office hours, created and graded homework assignments, and lead recitations of 20+ students.
- Topics Include: Big O Notation, Sorting, Heaps, Graph Algorithms, Hashing

**Software Engineering Intern, Backend – Keep.id (Remote)**

July 2020 – September 2020

- Secure document storage platform for identification used to assist the homeless in government aid and services.
- Features: support for PDF upload, PDF annotation, and envelope encryption. Achieved HIPAA Compliance.
- Used Java and MongoDB to develop the server side of the web application.

**Program in Combinatorial and Algorithmic Thinking (Remote)**

June 2020 – August 2020

- Studied graduate-level randomized and approximation algorithms and different models of computation.
- Taught recitations on university-level discrete mathematics to high school students in India, China, and Africa.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Co-President, One for the World** - Penn Undergrad Chapter. Encouraging students to pledge to donate 1% of their income to the world's most effective charities and teaching others about Effective Altruism. Globally, we have moved our millionth dollar.
- **Technical Developer, Hack4Impact** - A community that enables non-profits to further their mission by building professional software products.

## PROJECTS

**Onward Financial Survey + ROI Calculator** - Technical Developer

September 2020 - Present

- Developed tools to (1) help employers understand how much money they lose from financially unstable employees and (2) a financial surveying tool for employers to learn more about the financial habits of their employees.
- Used React.js, Node/Express, and MongoDB to build the web app.

**Deep Q-Learning (DQN)**

June/July 2020

- Implemented the Deep Reinforcement Learning Algorithm DQN from scratch, described in the seminal Deepmind Paper in PyTorch.
- Works on toy environments (CartPole), and can play Atari games (Pong, Breakout)

**YouTube Recommendation Algorithm**

January 2020

- Created a recommendation algorithm using K-means to create clusters of YouTube videos, based on a TF-IDF analysis on their descriptions. Used pandas, scikit-learn.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: **Python** (PyTorch, pandas, scikit-learn), **Javascript** (React, Node), **Java**, LaTeX, HTML/CSS
- Software/Technologies: Git/Github, MongoDB, Maven, SQL
- Non-Technical: Experience with teaching mathematics to students of all ages, for 7+ years.

## HIGHLIGHTED COURSEWORK

- **CS:** Data Structures and Algorithms, Machine Learning, Computer Systems, Statistics for Data Science
- **Math:** Engineering Probability, Linear Algebra, Game Theory, Multivariable Calculus, Discrete Math
- **Other:** Theoretical Neuroscience, Scaling Operations in Tech Ventures