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Education

Macalester College, Saint Pual, MN

B.A. Expected May 2023

MAJOR GPA 4.0/4.0

Mathematics, Computer Science

- Charles J. Turck Presidential Honor Scholarship(Four-year scholarship)
- School Dean's List (2019 - PRESENT)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Reinforcement Learning, Probability, Numerical Analysis, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Data Structure, Applied Multivariable Calculus, Linear algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Intro to Data Science, Intro to Statistics Modeling

Skills

Programming R(ggplot, ggmap, plotly, leaflet, gganimate, rvest, shiny), **Python**(numpy, pandas, easygui, matplotlib, xgboost, openAI, tensorflow, pytorch, gym, baselines), **Java, MATLAB, SQL, Spark, Hive, Hadoop, HTML, CSS, Markdown, TeX, COMSOL**

Experience

Deep Reinforcement Learning Researcher

St. Paul, MN

Professor Esra Kadioglu Urtis Lab, MACALESTER COLLEGE

Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020

- 2020 Summer Research with professor Esra Kadioglu Urtis at Macalester College
- Develop tabular Q learning based algorithms with simulations for UAVs coverage building in Gym or by graph.
- Create a Gym environment for implementing the coverage path planning for multiple drones using Actor Critic using Kronecker-Factored Trust Region (ACKTR) deep reinforcement learning method provided by Stable Baselines(OpenAI) in Python.
- Project funded by: MacKnight-Haas-Ludwig Summer Research Collaboration Fund, Class of 1950 Summer Research Collaboration Fund, Anderson-Grossheusch Summer Research Collaboration Fund, Mac/Faculty Collaboration Summer Research Funds

Teaching Assistant

St. Paul, MN

Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science Department, MACALESTER COLLEGE

Jan. 2020 - PRESENT

- Teaching Assistant(Preceptor) in COMP 128 Data Structure at Macalester College in Fall 2020, and STAT/COMP 112 Intro to the Data Science at Macalester College in Spring 2020
- Grade homework and help over 100 students in classes with implementations and applications in Java and R

Conference Member

Beijing, China

THE FIRST BRICS MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE

Jul, 2017 - Aug. 2017

- Was invited to attend and listen series of worldwide cutting-edge mathematical lectures from the conference at Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Consulted mathematicians from five BRICS(Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries and made a manuscript

Projects

Kaggle: House Price Prediction

13th PLACS(0.06%) OUT OF 19506 TEAMS

Jan. 2020 - Feb. 2020

- Using Ridge, Lasso, LGBM, XGB, and Stacking CV Regressor, and series of data visualization and analytical techniques to reach 0.10643 root mean squared logarithmic error and 12449.19063 mean absolute error, got **13th** place, 0.06% out of 10506 teams(individual)

Mathematical Modeling for Drone Light Show

HONORABLE MENTION OUT OF 938 TEAMS IN MATHEMATICAL CONTEST IN MODELING

Jan. 2018 - Feb. 2018

- Using *MATLAB*, I built models to determine the required number of drones and every drone's initial location during the process.
- Any simple pictures or icons could be designed for the drone show by my *MATLAB* program.

Design and Optimization of Comb Drive Accelerator for High Frequency Oscillation

PUBLISHED IN MODERN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING VOL.8 NO.1, FEBRUARY, 2018

Apr. 2017 - Feb. 2018

- This project is mentored by a doctor at UCLA and the final paper was published. In this work, using *COMSOL* and *MATLAB*, a finite element code was used for the design, optimization, and visualization of a comb drive accelerator.

Generalizations of Trajectory about Fixed Points and Lines Moving to Magnify and Shrink

PUBLISHED IN MATHEMATICAL STUDY AND RESEARCH(CHINA) VOL 19, 2017

Sep. 2016 - Feb. 2017

- This Chinese geometrical paper is for mathematical Olympics competitions, generalized series of problems of locus by an elegant method and visualized by *Geometer Sketchpad*

Honors

Jan, 2020	13th place(0.06%) out of 19506 teams , Kaggle Data Science Competition	<i>U.S.A</i>
Dec, 2019	Top 9 , The Mathematical Association of America-North Central Section(MAA-NCS) Team Contest	<i>U.S.A</i>
Feb, 2018	Top 5% , American Mathematics Competition(AMC12)	<i>U.S.A.</i>
Nov, 2017	Honorable Mention , Mathematical Contest in Modeling	<i>U.S.A</i>
Sep, 2017	First Prize , Chinese Mathematics League	<i>China</i>