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EDUCATION

University of Maryland PhD in Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computation	Maryland, USA May 2023
University of Washington MS in Applied Mathematics	Washington, USA June 2018
Columbia University, School of Engineering and Applied Science BS in Applied Mathematics	New York, USA May 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland <i>Research Assistant, Under Dr. Tom Goldstein</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted research to further our understanding of why/when neural networks can learn and generalize.Studied logical extrapolation and model vulnerability.Designed and executed experiments in Python using PyTorch and published at top tier ML conferences.	Maryland, USA Spring 2019 - Summer 2023
University of Washington <i>Research Assistant, Under Dr. Randy LeVeque</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed timing tests for multilayer tsunami models.Improved visualization for tsunami models and for run-time data.	Washington, USA Fall 2017 - Summer 2018
Columbia University <i>Research Assistant, Under Dr. Kyle Mandli</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributed to research in adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) used for modeling geophysical fluid dynamics.Developed tsunami modeling programs utilizing AMR in Python and Fortran (github.com/aks2203/geoclaw).	New York, USA Summer 2015 - Fall 2017

WORK AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Arthur <i>Research Fellow</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigated the consistency of post-hoc XAI feature attribution tools.Published work at AAAI Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society.Consulted with the ML team on various fairness and explainability projects.	New York, USA Summer 2022 - Spring 2023
Math Tutor <i>College, High School, and Elementary School Math Tutor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instructed several students in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, and differential equations.Provided help with weekly assignments and preparation for exams.	Maryland & New York Fall 2013 - Fall 2022
University of Maryland <i>Assistant Teacher</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Taught undergraduate courses including Calculus and Intro to Matlab.	Maryland, USA Fall 2018 - Fall 2021
University of Washington <i>Assistant Teacher</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Taught weekly sections and held weekly office hours for introduction course in scientific computing.	Washington, USA Fall 2017 - Spring 2018
Columbia University <i>Assistant Teacher, Department of Mathematics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Taught material from calculus, differential equations, and complex analysis courses.	New York, USA Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS & INTERESTS

Computing:	Proficient in Python (relevant packages include PyTorch and NumPy), Matlab, and \LaTeX . Familiar with Fortran and C/C++. github.com/aks2203
Hobbies:	Woodworking, photography, cooking, hockey

Publications

1. Avi Schwarzschild, Max Cembalest, Karthik Rao, Keegan Hines, and John Dickerson. Reckoning with the disagreement problem: Explanation consensus as a training objective. In *Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES)*, 2023
2. Roman Levin, Valeriia Cherepanova, Avi Schwarzschild, Arpit Bansal, C Bayan Bruss, Tom Goldstein, Andrew Gordon Wilson, and Micah Goldblum. Transfer learning with deep tabular models. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023
3. Arpit Bansal, Avi Schwarzschild, Eitan Borgnia, Zeyad Emam, Furong Huang, Micah Goldblum, and Tom Goldstein. End-to-end algorithm synthesis with recurrent networks: Logical extrapolation without overthinking. In *NeurIPS*, 2022
4. Avi Schwarzschild, Arjun Gupta, Amin Ghiasi, Micah Goldblum, and Tom Goldstein. The uncanny similarity of recurrence and depth. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022
5. Micah Goldblum, Dimitris Tsipras, Chulin Xie, Xinyun Chen, Avi Schwarzschild, Dawn Song, Aleksander Madry, Bo Li, and Tom Goldstein. Dataset security for machine learning: Data poisoning, backdoor attacks, and defenses. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 2022
6. Avi Schwarzschild, Eitan Borgnia, Arjun Gupta, Furong Huang, Uzi Vishkin, Micah Goldblum, and Tom Goldstein. Can you learn an algorithm? generalizing from easy to hard problems with recurrent networks. In *NeurIPS*, 2021
7. Micah Goldblum, Avi Schwarzschild, Ankit B Patel, and Tom Goldstein. Adversarial attacks on machine learning systems for high-frequency trading. In *ACM International Conference on AI in Finance (ICAIF)*, 2021
8. Avi Schwarzschild, Micah Goldblum, Arjun Gupta, John P Dickerson, and Tom Goldstein. Just how toxic is data poisoning? a unified benchmark for backdoor and data poisoning attacks. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, pages 9389–9398. PMLR, 2021
9. Ahmed Abdelkader, Michael J Curry, Liam Fowl, Tom Goldstein, Avi Schwarzschild, Manli Shu, Christoph Studer, and Chen Zhu. Headless horseman: Adversarial attacks on transfer learning models. In *ICASSP 2020-2020 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 3087–3091. IEEE, 2020
10. Micah Goldblum, Jonas Geiping, Avi Schwarzschild, Michael Moeller, and Tom Goldstein. Truth or backpropaganda? an empirical investigation of deep learning theory. In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2019

Preprints

1. Randall Balestriero, Mark Ibrahim, Vlad Sobal, Ari Morcos, Shashank Shekhar, Tom Goldstein, Florian Bordes, Adrien Bardes, Gregoire Mialon, Yuandong Tian, et al. A cookbook of self-supervised learning. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2304.12210*, 2023
2. Arpit Bansal, Hong-Min Chu, Avi Schwarzschild, Soumyadip Sengupta, Micah Goldblum, Jonas Geiping, and Tom Goldstein. Universal guidance for diffusion models. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.07121*, 2023
3. Alex Stein, Avi Schwarzschild, Michael Curry, Tom Goldstein, and John Dickerson. Neural auctions compromise bidder information. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.00116*, 2023
4. Gowthami Somepalli, Micah Goldblum, Avi Schwarzschild, C Bayan Bruss, and Tom Goldstein. Saint: Improved neural networks for tabular data via row attention and contrastive pre-training. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2106.01342*, 2021
5. Arpit Bansal, Micah Goldblum, Valeriia Cherepanova, Avi Schwarzschild, C Bayan Bruss, and Tom Goldstein. Meta-balance: High-performance neural networks for class-imbalanced data. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2106.09643*, 2021
6. Avi Schwarzschild, Eitan Borgnia, Arjun Gupta, Arpit Bansal, Zeyad Emam, Furong Huang, Micah Goldblum, and Tom Goldstein. Datasets for studying generalization from easy to hard examples. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2108.06011*, 2021
7. Avi Schwarzschild and Kyle T Mandli. An implementation of adaptive mesh refinement for shallow water equations. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1803.01450*, 2018