

# Arth Shukla

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, San Diego

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics-Computer Science

September 2021 – June 2025

GPA – 4.0

### Relevant Coursework

*Completed:* Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Advanced Data Structures, Optimizations for Data Science I and II, Computer Organization and Systems Programming, Data Structures and Object-Oriented Design, Computer Science and Object-Oriented Programming - Java, Networks and Digital Communications, Data Warehousing to Big Data, Statistical Methods and Probability, Enumerative Combinatorics, Abstract Algebra I and II, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Vector Calculus, Differential Equations  
*Ongoing in Spring 2023:* Supervised Machine Learning, Theory of Computation, Intro to Computational Statistics, Synthesis 100

## EXPERIENCE

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**Personal AI Projects:** <https://github.com/arth-shukla>; <https://wandb.ai/arth-shukla/projects>

**Technologies Used:** Development: Pytorch (Torch, TorchVision, Datasets, Dataloaders, Cuda), OpenAI Gym, HuggingFace Transformers Library, TensorFlow, Keras, Gensim; Concepts: Reinforcement Learning (PPO, DDQN, DQN), NLP (Transfer Learning, Embeddings, Attention); Tools/Technologies: WandB, BERT/DistilBERT Pretrained, Conda

### Reinforcement Learning

- Use Pytorch to make PPO Agent (w/ entropy regularization, advantage normalization, early stop w/ approx. KL Div, GAE, etc) and Gymnasium to consistently beat Mario level 1-1 and 1-4 in under 1600-2000 episodes of training: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/ppo-mario>
- Use Pytorch to implement DDQN from *Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning*, Deep Mind 2015 in Gymnasium to beat Mario level 1-1 in under 13000 episodes of training: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/ddqn-mario>
- Use Pytorch to make simple PPO Agent and Gymnasium to consistently beat CartPole in under 140 episodes of training: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/ppo-gym-cartpole>

### Natural Language Processing

- Use HuggingFace Transformers library to fine-tune DistilBERT model (transfer learning) trained on Stanford Question-Answer 2.0 (SQuAD 2.0) to answer a question given some context (article, paragraph, etc): <https://github.com/arth-shukla/squad2.0-bert-question-answer>
- Use Pytorch and HuggingFace to fine-tune DistilBERT model (transfer learning) to classify and approximate sentiment for Stanford Sentiment140 1.4-million Tweet Dataset: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/sentiment140-bert-transfer-learning>
- Use TensorFlow Keras to build LSTM and CNN and use Gensim to refit GloVe word embeddings for IMDB Review Sentiment Classification: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/gensim-embedding-training-imdb>

### Computer Vision

- Use Pytorch (Datasets and Dataloaders) and TorchVision to implement *PointNet: Deep learning on point sets for 3d classification and segmentation*, Qi et al. 2017 for part segmentation on chair point clouds: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/pointnet-part-segmentation>

**ACM AI's Element.AI Competition** <https://github.com/acmucsd/Element.AI>

I led development and organization of Element.AI, an \$8000 competition at UCSD with 200 participants.

**Technologies Used:** Element.AI: Python, Conda, Java, Maven, OpenAI Gym, PettingZoo, PyGame, Jackson, Squid, Bash

### Lead Developer

July 2022 – Feb 2023

- Use Python with Conda and PettingZoo ParallelEnv to create multi-agent gym environment as the core competition environment
- Use Java with Maven and Jackson to create Java sdk for 45 participants (~22.5% of all participants)
- In coordination with UCSD ITS, use Squid proxy, IPTables and bash scripts to create instructor tools, allowing us to enable/revoke access to wifi, whitelist sites, enable/revoke access to files, and in general control the competition accounts with granularity, both targeted and en masse
- Write proposals and attend meetings to obtain \$8000 in sponsorships, attracting 200 participants (limited primarily by the number of UCSD linux lab machines) with hundreds of submissions

### ACM AI UCSD

ACM AI is UCSD's largest AI student org which fosters a community for those interested in AI and research.

**Technologies Used:** AI/ML Workshops and Projects: Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Google Colab; Web Development: TypeScript, React, LESS

**Board – President**

May 2023 – Present

- Lead Operations, Competitions, Dev, and Marketing teams to develop competitions and workshops, and revamp our forward-facing resources (website, GitHub, ACM AI Wiki)

**Board – Director of Operations**

May 2022 – May 2023

- Lead team of 7 event leads in creation of competitions, workshops, and socials related to ML/AI
- Coordinate with marketing and development teams to market events and create competitions

**Board – Event Lead**

January 2022 – May 2022

- Ideate, create, and host workshops on NLP, deep learning, and ML topics
- Develop and organize competitions run by ACM AI (100-200 submissions on average)
- Coordinate with different parts of ACM AI Board (marketing, social, and other event leads) to host workshops and social events
- Mentor intermediate and beginner ACM Projects teams in developing AI/ML projects
- Promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion by planning URM-focuses events, implementing inclusive Discord server management, and working to make AI more accessible

**ACM Projects – Machine Learning Engineer**

September 2021 – January 2022

- Create model to convert human faces to Cat-Human hybrid using DCGAN, PatchGAN, CycleGAN, and StyleGAN
- Coordinate with team of 3 front- and back-end devs to implement model into user-friendly tool

**Bittner Development Group**

Bittner Development Group is an education technology company which creates interactives and products for clients like Norton, Barnes and Noble, SparkNotes, Thames and Hudson, and more.

**Technologies Used:** Web Development: React, SCSS, Node.js; DevOps: GitLab, Git, WSL; Scripting and Automation: TypeScript, JavaScript, Java; Development Standards: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AAA, Aria Authoring Practices Guide (APG), Norton Design System; Processes: Agile Methodology

**Software Engineering Intern**

January 2021 – Present

- Develop component library and enterprise web application ‘Interactive Builder’ using React and SCSS
- Manage DevOps and CI/CD pipeline using GitLab
- Web development, QA, and devops of over 10 education interactive projects in React
- Manage and train two interns to complete projects using React and SCSS, GitLab, Git, and WSL
- Code projects in compliance of web content accessibility with WCAG
- Propose, lead, and develop internal and for-client automation projects using Node and native JavaScript

**Media Group Intern**

November 2019 – January 2021

- Independent project involving automation of over 10 spreadsheet and data entry tasks using Java improving efficiency by over 90%
- Code questions into over 15 textbooks on Norton’s online textbook platform, PCAT, using HTML

**Personal Web Development Projects:** <https://github.com/arth-shukla>

**Technologies Used:** Web Development: TypeScript, React, Rollup, Jest, Webpack, Storybook, SCSS; DevOps: Netlify, Git, GitHub Pages, GitHub Packages; Development Standards: WCAG 2.1 AAA, Aria Authoring Practices Guide (APG)

**Independent Developer**

January 2022 – Present

- Create personal website using React Typescript, SCSS, and Material UI, accessible by WCAG 2.1 AA standard, and publish to custom domain using Netlify: <https://arth.website>
- Code mobile-compatible Dice Roller web app with React and SCSS, accessible by WCAG 2.1 AA standards and publish to GitHub Pages: <https://arth-shukla.github.io/dice-roller>
- Create Icon Library with React TypeScript and SCSS, publish to GitHub packages: <https://github.com/arth-shukla/arth-components>; code demos and documentation: <https://arth-shukla.github.io/my-icons-documentation>

**SKILLS**

- **Programming Languages** – Python, TypeScript, JavaScript, Node, React, Java, Ruby, Bash, SCSS, LESS, HTML5 and CSS3, C, C++, R
- **Packages and Libraries** – Pytorch, Keras, HuggingFace, PettingZoo, Rollup, Jest, Webpack, Storybook, PyGame, Jackson
- **Development Standards** – Open AI Gym, PettingZoo AEC Environment and Parallel Environment, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AAA, Aria Authoring Practices Guide (APG)
- **Programs and Software** – Netlify, Git, GitHub, GitLab, Conda, Maven, Visual Studio Code, Conda, Maven, WSL, Storybook, Android Studio, Matlab, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Powerpoint
- **Languages** – Fluent in English and French, Spoken Hindi