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Education

Rice University Fall 2017 - present Houston, TX

Computer Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.21

Fall 2013 - 2017

Westwood High School

GPA: 4.0/4.0 (5.58/5.0 weighted), Graduated May 2017

Austin, TX

Conference Presentations

PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer Synthetic Biofuel Sole Author more Dec 2016

Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session)

Colorado

Projects

Lentil - A Musician's Feedback Service Independent Project Summer 2018 - present

- Conceive, design, and implement a web-based musician feedback service (ReasonML + React)
- Musicians submit recordings of performances and receive pointed feedback from teachers

Physics Sunset Independent Project Summer 2017

Design and implement browser-based interactive graphical simulation of a physics problem (ReasonML)

Disease Transmission Analysis

Spring 2018

- Design and implement Rooted-Directed Minimal Spanning Tree algorithm (Python)
- Analyze genetic + epidemiological data from 2011 disease outbreak to infer the disease transmission tree

DNA Sequence Alignment

Spring 2018

- Design and implement DP solutions to two DNA sequence alignment problems (Python)
- Align human and fruit-fly protein sequences to identify the PAX domain within the "eyeless" gene

Phylogenetic (Evolutionary) Trees

Spring 2018

Infer the optimal evolutionary tree, given DNA sequences for the leaf taxa (Python)

Hidden Markov Models and Part-of-Speech Tagging

Spring 2018

- Implement statistical training of HMM model using training corpus of pre-tagged sentences (Python)
- Implement Viterbi algorithm to assign part-of-speech tags to new sentences using trained HMM

Chef Arduino Independent Project

Fall 2010-2011

Conceive, design, build, and program an Arduino-based robot to test properties of food samples

Software Development Skills

Programming Languages & Frameworks

2013 - present

- Proficient: Python, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React
- Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Numpy

Software Design

Systematic Program Design - Designing Data & Functions, EdX course based on HtDP2

Functional programming with types

Elements of Test-Driven Development

2017 - present

2013 - present

Python testing using Pytest, Java testing using JUnit Jupiter

Work Experience

Software Testing

UT Austin Summer Research Academy - College of Natural Sciences Summer Intern

Summer 2015, 2016

Austin, TX

- DNA extraction, splicing, and recombineering of the DHX35 gene using E. coli
- Worked with Dr. Al Mackrell in the Vertebrate Interactome Mapping Lab
- Conducted computational Flux-Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria engineered for biofuel

Organizations and Activities

CSters: Women in Computer Science, Rice University	Fall 2017 - present
CS Club, Rice University	Fall 2017 - present
 Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Rice University 	Fall 2017 - present
SASE: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Rice University	Fall 2017 - present
Club Tennis, Rice University	Fall 2017 - present
Music: sing, record, perform, take lessons <u>more</u>	2007 - present
 Pyladies: Austin community of women Python programmers, team programming and presentations 	2015 - 2017