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Education

Rice University 2017 - present

• Computer Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.21

Houston, TX

Westwood High School

2013 - 2017

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

Austin, TX

Conference Presentations

PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer synthetic biofuel Sole Author Dec 2016

Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / 2016 Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session)

Colorado

Projects

Lentil - A Musician's Feedback Service *Independent Project* <u>repo</u> demo 2018 - present

Design and implement a web-based musician feedback service (ReasonML, React, GraphQL, Postgres)

Musicians submit recordings of performances and receive pointed feedback from others

Physics Sunset Independent Project <u>repo</u> demo 2017

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

Disease Transmission Analysis

2018

Design and implement a rooted-directed minimal spanning tree algorithm (Python)

Analyze genetic + epidemiological data from 2011 disease outbreak to infer the disease transmission tree

DNA Sequence Alignment

2018

Design and implement dynamic programming solutions to DNA sequence alignment problems (Python)

Align human and fruit-fly protein sequences to identify the PAX domain within the "eyeless" gene

Phylogenetic (Evolutionary) Trees

2018

Infer evolutionary tree, given DNA sequences for leaf taxa and plausible mutations (Python)

Hidden Markov Models and Part-of-Speech Tagging

2018

Implement statistical learning of HMM 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 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

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• Proficient: Python, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React

Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Numpy, Hasura's Postgres + GraphQL

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

Functional programming with types (ReasonML, Java 8+, Python 3.5+)

Software Testing 2017 - present

Test-driven development, unit-tests & property-based tests (Python/Pytest, Java/JUnit 5/QuickTheories

Work Experience

Software Design

UT Austin, College of Natural Sciences, Vertebrate Interactome Lab

Summer Research Intern

2016

DNA extraction, splicing, & recombineering of the DHX35 gene using E. coli

Austin, TX

Conducted computational Flux Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria engineered for biofuel

Organizations and Activities

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