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Austin, TX

Education ————————————————————————————————————	
Rice University	2017 - present
 BS Computer Science & BA Cognitive Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.40 	Houston, TX
 Westwood High School GPA: 4.0/4.0 (5.58/5.0 weighted), National Merit Scholar, Graduated May 2017 	2013 - 2017 Austin, TX
Conference Presentations ————————————————————————————————————	
 PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer synthetic biofuel Sole Author more Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / 2016 Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session) 	Dec 2016 Colorado
Projects —	
 Lentil - A Musician's Feedback Service Independent Project repo demo Design and implement a web-based musician feedback service (ReasonML, React, GraphQL, Postgres) Musicians submit recordings of performances and receive pointed feedback from others 	2018 - present
 Physics Sunset Independent Project repo demo Design and implement a browser-based interactive graphical simulation of a physics problem (ReasonML 	2017
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 	1
 DNA Sequence Alignment 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 	2018
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 (NLP) Implement statistical learning of HMM using training corpus of pre-tagged sentences (Python) Implement Vitarbi algorithm to assign part of speech tags to pay sentences using trained LIMM.	2018
Implement Viterbi algorithm to assign part-of-speech tags to new sentences using trained HMM Impact of Language on Perception Independent Project In	2016 2017
 Impact of Language on Perception Independent Project repo Analyzed the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis and its implications in multiple perceptual categories 	2016 - 2017
Software Development Skills ———————————————————————————————————	
 Programming Languages & Frameworks Proficient: Python with types, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Numpy, Hasura's Postgres + GraphQL, Git 	2013 - present
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 Systematic Program Design - Designing Data & Functions, EdX course based on HtDP2 Typed functional programming (ReasonML/OCaml, Java 8, Python 3.5), object-oriented design 	- p. 300t
Software Testing	2017 - present
• Test-driven development, unit & property-based tests, Python: Pytest, Java: JUnit 5 & QuickTheories	
Work Experience	
UT Austin, College of Natural Sciences, Vertebrate Interactome Lab Summer Research Intern	2016

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

• Conducted computational Flux Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria engineered for biofuel

Organizations and Activities CSters: Women in Computer Science, Rice University CS Club, Rice University Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Rice University 2017 - present 2017 - present

SASE: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Rice University
 Club Tennis, Rice University
 2017 - present

• Music: sing, record, perform, take lessons soundcloud youtube 2007 - present

2015 - 2017

• PyLadies: Austin community of women Python programmers, team programming, presentations