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Education

Rice University Houston, TX

B.S. in Computer Science, Mathematics; Minor in Data Science; 3.98/4.0 GPA

May 2026

 Coursework († graduate-level): Machine Learning†; Tools and Models for Data Science†; ML Optimization†; Algorithms; Concurrent Program Design; Computer Systems; Probability and Statistics; Stochastic Models.

Experience

Enuit LLC Houston, TX

Quantitative Developer Intern

May 2024-Present

- Designed and implemented liquified natural gas shipment scheduler using **mixed integer programming** model, improving performance by over 200%. Performed data preprocessing and cleaning with Pandas.
- Built **RESTful API** for retrieving operation scheduling data as part of **ASP.NET**-based web microservice.
- Improved Turnbull-Wakeman Asian option pricing tool, fine-tuning accuracy of days-in-year attribute and testing data input configurations to meet client specifications for delta calculations.

OptimaLab Houston, TX

Undergraduate Researcher

May 2023-Present

- Conducted research in machine learning optimization; specifically investigated novel methods of solving large-scale linear systems distributively. Implemented algorithms based on feature subsampling; experiments varying hyperparameters and step-size schemes achieved a mean-squared error **below 0.001**.

RiceApps Houston, TX

Software Engineer Intern

May 2023-Aug 2023

- Built a marketplace web app with MERN stack as part of a 9-person team; development followed scrum-sprint agile methodology. Implemented landing/home pages and site routing using React Router and Material UI libraries.

Rice University Houston, TX Teaching Assistant Jan 2024-Present

- Held twice-a-week office hours; graded assignments and exams for classes with over 300 students (linear algebra, intro and advanced algorithms, statistics). Met with professors to improve class materials and teaching strategies.

Jane Street Capital New York, NY

First-Year Trading and Technology Program Participant

Mar 2023

- One of 94 invitees to freshman education program; learned about fair value estimation and market making.
- Designed and implemented automated trading bot for Electronic Trading Competition, ultimately achieving the highest PnL of the field across 60+ simulated market rounds.

Projects

Concurrent Web Proxy — *C*

Apr 2024

- Designed and implemented a high-performance web proxy for tracking HTTP/1.0 and HTTP/1.1 GET requests.
- Utilized producer-consumer model to implement efficient concurrency capable of simultaneously handling over 100 client HTTP requests. Thread synchronization was achieved using POSIX mutex and condition variables.

Deep Learning Novel Classifier — *TensorFlow, NumPy, AWS*

Apr 2024

- Implemented deep learning architectures (CNN, RNN with and without time warping, MLP) from scratch and benchmarked their performances on classifying lines of text from three novels. RNN with time warping achieved highest test accuracy of **91%** on random sample of 3000 lines.

Skills

Languages: Python, Java, LaTeX, C, C++, C#, SQL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript/TypeScript, Bash/Unix Shell

Technologies: Git, React, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, Docker, Apache Hadoop, Apache Spark, Microsoft SQL Server, AWS (EC2), Frontend Development, Backend Development, Machine Learning, REST APIs, .NET framework

Awards

Rice Datathon, Best Visualization Award

Feb 2023

Mar 2019, 2021, 2022 3x AIME Qualifier

Hewlett-Packard CodeWars Competition, 3rd Place, Advanced Division