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EDUCATION

- **University of Virginia** Charlottesville, VA
B.S. in Computer Science; Major GPA: 3.98/4.00; Cumulative GPA: 3.91/4.00 August 2021 - May 2025
- **Relevant Coursework:** ML, RL (G), NLP (G), Probabilistic ML (G), Learning for Interactive Robotics (G), Human-Robot Interaction (G), Optimization, Data Structures & Algorithms, Theory of Computation, Computer Systems Organization, Software Engineering

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Learning and Interactive Robotics, University of Virginia** Charlottesville, VA
Advisor: Prof. Yen-Ling Kuo Aug 2024 - Present
 - **Ongoing Senior Capstone:** Vision-Language-Action (VLA) model for robotic manipulation.
 - Investigating action-language grounding in VLAs for robotic manipulation tasks, focusing on interpretability and generalizability.
- **University of Maryland** College Park, MD
Advisor: Prof. Jia-Bin Huang May 2024 - Present
 - **Semantically Aware 3D Gaussian Splatting**
 - * Developed novel method to inject semantically aware embeddings into 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS) scenes for 3D understanding and segmentation tasks.
 - * Leveraged video segmentation from SAMv2 to maintain temporal consistency in injection of CLIP features from 2D training set to 3DGS scene, ensuring stable and accurate 3D embeddings.
- **Collaborative Robotics Lab, University of Virginia** Charlottesville, VA
Advisor: Prof. Tariq Iqbal May 2022 - May 2024
 - **Grounded Location for Object Manipulation (GLOMA)**
 - * Zero-shot image-editing model grounded by language instructions for object relocation and manipulation tasks, designed for downstream robotic applications using goal-conditioned RL.
 - * Integrated language grounding with visual perception using bounding box guidance from pre-trained language models, enabling precise object relocation without external supervision.
 - * Collected and annotated custom dataset for fine-tuning pre-trained language and vision models.
 - **Centralized multi-agent RL for Collaborative Tasks**
 - * Developed long-horizon on/offline centralized MARL for robotic bolt screwing tasks.
 - * Designed and optimized custom reward functions in multi-agent framework for task completion and agent collaboration.
 - * Deployed and tested custom simulated environments in IsaacGym for training and evaluation.

HONORS

- **Dean's Engineering Research Scholarship (\$5000 stipend)** May 2023
University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science
- **University of Virginia Research Computing Exhibition Finalist** April 2024
University of Virginia Research Computing
- **Entrepreneurship Cup Winner (Received \$1000 in funding)** November 2023
University of Virginia Darden School of Business
- **Dean's List**
University of Virginia

PRESENTATIONS

- **Mechanistic Interpretability in Large Language Models**

- University of Virginia Research Computing Exhibition, Charlottesville, VA *April 2024*

- **GLOMA: Grounded Location for Object Manipulation**

- University of Virginia Fall Engineering Research Expo, Charlottesville, VA *October 2023*
- University of Virginia Spring Thornton Society Dinner, Charlottesville, VA *September 2023*
- University of Virginia Summer Research Symposium, Charlottesville, VA *July 2023*

- **Robot Tool Grasping with AprilTag**

- University of Virginia Engineering Open House, Charlottesville, VA *November 2023*
- University of Virginia Engineering Open House, Charlottesville, VA *November 2022*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Teaching Assistant** University of Virginia
Machine Learning w/ Prof. Rich Nguyen *August 2024 - Present*
 - Authored comprehensive and interactive [course notes](#) to support student learning and understanding.
 - Collaborated with course staff to develop and grade assignments, exams, and projects.
- **Teaching Assistant** University of Virginia
Theory of Computation w/ Prof. Mark Floryan *Jan 2024 - May 2024*
 - Held weekly office hours, one-on-one tutoring, and review sessions to assist students with course material.
- **Lab Lead Teaching Assistant** University of Virginia
Computer Systems Organization w/ Prof. John Hott *Jan 2023 - May 2023*
 - Led and co-lectured weekly lab sections on computer systems topics with interactive activities for 70+ students.
 - Supervised and coordinated a team of 6 TAs to facilitate effective learning and lab management.
 - Held office hours and whiteboard sessions to provide additional support for students.

SOFTWARE PROJECTS

- **notie-markdown**: Developed open-source React component for Markdown rendering using TypeScript. Used notie-markdown to create [course notes](#) and [blog posts](#) on machine learning topics.
- **SmartOH**: AI-assisted office hour queueing system, built with Python, PyTorch, and TypeScript. Placed 3rd overall at VTHacks11 (3/393).
- **Voy**: Collaborated with 7 non-profits to develop Voy, a volunteer and driver management platform using Python and TypeScript; received funding from UVA's Entrepreneurship Cup.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- **Languages**: Python, C/C++, CUDA, Java, JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML/CSS
- **ML + Robotics**: PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV, MuJoCo, ROS, IsaacGym, Habitat, RLBench
- **Other Tools & Frameworks**: Git, Docker, Slurm, Linux, L^AT_EX, React, Node.js, Express, Django