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## Education

- 2018 – ...    📌 **PhD Student, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA**  
Emphasis in Machine Learning and Data Science.
- 2012 – 2015    📌 **B.Sc. Mathematics, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA**  
Emphasis in Pure Mathematics with C.S. minor.
- 2010 – 2015    📌 **AS, Pierce College, Lakewood, WA**  
Emphasis in Mathematics.

## Teaching Assistant Relevant Experience

- 📌 **Applied Machine Learning, UC Santa Cruz**  
An introduction to common machine learning methods including deep learning, linear regression, and clustering. Topics covered included feedforward/recurrent architectures, convolution, linear regression models, optimization, risk minimization, and probability.
- 📌 **Artificial Intelligence, UC Santa Cruz**  
Provide review of topics in deep learning, search algorithms, constraint satisfaction algorithms, and simple Markov decision processes.
- 📌 **Beginning Programming in Python, UC Santa Cruz**  
Introduction to programming topics such as primitive types, branching, functions, looping, and recursion in addition to Python language specifics.
- 📌 **COSMOS Summer 2019-ML and NLP Cluster, UC Santa Cruz**  
H.S. senior-level summer program geared towards machine learning with topics including artificial neural networks, neural network components, and basic clustering techniques.
- 📌 **Data Structures, UC Santa Cruz**  
A second course in computer Science covering topics such as Sorting, LinkedLists, Queues, Trees, and Recursion.

## Miscellaneous Experience

### Projects

- 2021    📌 **WaveFusion Squeeze-and-Excitation: Towards an Accurate and Explainable Deep Learning Framework in Neuroscience** Exploration of fusion methods for deep learning models for identifying and localizing neurological phenomena.
- 2020    📌 **Regression Theory for Categorical Time Series with Python** Reproduced results from Kedem using Python statmodels along with Python data preprocessing pipeline.
- 2019    📌 **Classification of Electroencephalogram Data using SpectroImaging** Classify mental states using spectrograms of EEG data and deep neural networks.

### Relevant Courses

- 📌 **Machine Learning**
- 📌 **Artificial Intelligence**
- 📌 **Information Theory**
- 📌 **Introduction to Classical Statistical Learning**
- 📌 **Applied Bayesian Statistics**