

# Drake Brown

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## Education

### BS, Applied & Computational Mathematics Emphasis (ACME), Computer Science Minor

April 2025

Brigham Young University

Provo, Utah

- Concentration: Data Science
- Major GPA: 4.00
- Academic Scholarship
- Relevant Coursework:

Advanced Deep Learning  
Stochastic Differential Equations  
Algorithm Design and Optimization  
Advanced Programming Concepts

Linear and Nonlinear Analysis  
Theory of Analysis  
Multivariable Calculus

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## Skills

- Proficient in Python (PyTorch, Lightning, NumPy, Pandas), SQL, C++, Java
- Junior Year Skills
  - Data Structures
  - Fourier Analysis
  - Dynamic Optimization
  - QR and Singular Value Decompositions
  - Numerical Linear Algebra
  - Thompson Sampling
  - Page Rank Valuations
  - Importance and Rejection Sampling
  - Gaussian Quadrature
  - Numerical Optimization
  - Wavelets

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## Experience

### AWS Software Engineering Intern

June - August 2024

API Gateway, Amazon

Denver, Colorado

- Developed and implemented an "Isolation Fleet" system, reducing customer latency from 2000 ms to 20 ms and improving successful transactions by 30% for over 300,000 accounts by mitigating DDoS attacks
- Automated monitoring with canaries, auditors, and dashboards to detect and track noisy customers, ensuring efficient isolation and resolution processes.

### Research Assistant Lead

February 2022 – Present

Graph Neural Networks Lab

Provo, Utah

- Invited talk at SIAM-NSS conference. Results later submitted to be SIAM as "Connecting the performance of GNN architectures to the properties of training data"
- Parallel processed 200 Graph Neural Network models to generate 15,488,000 data points (PyTorch)

### Air Force Research Intern

April – September 2023

Self-Supervised Image Representation Learning Lab

Dayton, Ohio

- Outperformed state of the art results in self-supervised image learning on STL10 and Cifar100 by 4%
- Paper to be submitted at ICLR titled "Self-Supervised Learning Through Latent Sub-Space Alignment"
- Implemented Momentum Learners such as BYOL or Google's DINO

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## Relevant Projects

### Class Projects in PyTorch, BYU

October 2022

- Trained hundreds of reinforcement agents in parallel to model strategies in the Prisoner's Dilemma
- Developed a Music Transformer to generate instrumental scores and interpolate between music genres

### Private Project in PyTorch, BYU

April 2023

- Developing a Causal Video Transformer to predict video frames (in progress)
- Created a context topic similarity search using sentence transformers (RoBERTa) for ancient texts