BRYON TJANAKA

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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine · Irvine, CA

Sept. 2017 - Jun. 2020

B.S. Computer Science • ICS Honors • Rank: Senior

- Regents' Scholarship merit scholarship awarded at admission for performance in high school
- Relevant courses: Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Optimal Control and Reinforcement Learning

EXPERIENCE

Intelligent Dynamics Lab • UC Irvine (PI: Professor Roy Fox)

Oct. 2019 - Present

Undergraduate Researcher

Design and implement novel hierarchical reinforcement learning algorithms for robotics

Google, Inc. · Mountain View, CA

Jun. 2019 - Sept. 2019

Software Engineering Intern

- Implemented, optimized, and evaluated multithreaded affinity clustering, a scalable clustering algorithm
- Attended workshops on performance optimization, Haskell, machine learning, and giving/receiving feedback

Mobley Lab · UC Irvine (PI: Professor David Mobley, Graduate Mentor: Jessica Maat)

Oct. 2018 - Present

Undergraduate Researcher

- Improve drug simulation accuracy by building a pipeline for filtering 6 million molecules
- Use greedy weighted set cover algorithm to select molecules utilizing all parameters in a force field
- Received 2 fellowships from UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

Google, Inc. · Mountain View, CA

Jun. 2018 - Sept. 2018

Engineering Practicum Intern

- Developed a tool which evaluates Google Assistant extensions by analyzing responses to thousands of queries
- Documented this tool with Markdown to make it as easy as possible for Google Assistant reviewers to use

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), UC Irvine Chapter

Sept. 2017 - Feb. 2020

Internal Vice President, Competitor

- Collaborate in teams of three to solve algorithm problems in various programming contests
- Train other students to compete by organizing events such as a series of 3 campuswide competitions
- Ranked 7th/88 at ACM ICPC 2019 SoCal Regional & 39th/4103 in world, 4th/202 in US at IEEExtreme 13.0

Google Girl-Powered VEX Robotics Workshop · Mountain View, CA

Jul. 2017, Aug. 2018, Jun. 2019

Speaker, Volunteer

Introduced hundreds of middle school girls to VEX Robotics by helping them build and program their first robot

PROJECTS

Databases and Web Apps Course Project: Fabflix

Mar. 2019 - Jun. 2019

• Built an online movie service with MySQL database, Java back-end, and HTML/CSS/JS front-end

HackUCI V Hackathon Project: Safeline

Feb. 2019

- Used Python, OpenCV, and a Raspberry Pi camera to detect people falling down and send alerts to iPhone
- Best Entrepreneurial Hack award

SKILLS

Languages: C++, C, Python, Java, JavaScript, Haskell, SQL, Bash, Markdown, Latex, HTML/CSS

Libraries and Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, NumPy, Matplotlib, pytest, Google Test, React.js, Jekyll

Tools: Vim, tmux, Visual Studio Code, Git, Linux commands, Google Suite, Inkscape

Natural Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin (proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Champion of 2017 VEX Robotics High School World Championship • Speedcuber (solve Rubik's cube in <1 min)

Member of 2020 UCI Homecoming Court • Occasional Graphic Designer (btjanaka.net/personal)