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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science, High Honors Electrical Engineering

May 2015

Master of Science, Electrical Engineering: Data Science and Machine Learning

Courses: Large-Scale Optimization, Convex Optimization, Data Mining, Stochastic Processes
(Spring 2018:) Natural Language Processing, Large-Scale Learning, Monte Carlo Methods

May 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Texas

Austin, TX

Graduate Research Assistant — Intelligent Data Exploration and Analysis Lab

August 2017 — Present

- Implementing GPU based real-time multi-object tracking for self-driving cars.
- Implementing a video background extraction algorithm which leverages structured sparsity inducing norms.
- Graduate data science teaching assistant (Spring 2018).

Originate

Los Angeles, CA

Software Engineer, Technical Lead

March 2016 — June 2017

- Transitioned the data model of a 20 kloc codebase from a schema-less Firebase data-store to a PostgreSQL database utilizing a GraphQL API.
- Developed a scalable and reliable data aggregation backend for a commercial real estate search tool.
- Contributed to Exosphere, an open-source framework for building distributed microservice oriented software projects.

MPR Associates

Alexandria, VA

Electrical Engineer

August 2015 — March 2016

- Built a software toolset to interface a 10 MW battery based renewable energy storage facility.
- Analyzed the modes of operation of a fault detection system for nuclear power plants.

SKILLS

- Experience building solvers for: logistic regression, SVMs, neural networks and robust optimization.
- Ability to apply cross-validation for tuning hyper-parameters.
- Experience with PCA, basis-expansion and feature selection.
- Experience using random forest, KNN, naive-Bayes and clustering models.
- Understanding of bias-variance trade-off.
- Proficient in Python, MATLAB and LabVIEW for data analysis.
- Proficient SQL and No-SQL database user.
- Proficient in Clojure.
- Experience with Apache Spark.
- Experience writing CUDA GPU code.
- Understanding of how to select the most appropriate model for a task given a set of constraints.

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

- Developing an automated circuit analysis tool.
- Built a melody extraction tool for transcribing polyphonic music.
- Contributor to multiple open source Emacs Lisp tools.
- Contributor to Tertestrial, a software testing framework.
- Contributor to core.matrix.complex, a Clojure library for working with complex valued matrices.
- Contributor to StumpWM, written in Common Lisp.