# Edward Zhang

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## **EDUCATION**

Duke University

Durham, NC

B.S. in Computer Science and Statistics

B.S. in Mathematics  $GPA: 4.0 \mid SAT: 1570$ 

Coursework: Financial Derivatives (Graduate), Asset Pricing & Risk Management, Regression Analysis, Probability Campus Involvement: Quantitative Finance Club, Duke Applied Machine Learning, Vex Robotics, Formula SAE

Cornell University Ithaca, NY

B.A. in Mathematics, Concentration in Operations Research

Coursework: Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Object Oriented Programming/Data Structures GPA: 4.155

#### Professional Experience

#### Data Science Intern

June 2023 – August 2023

Caterpillar, Inc. - Global Finance Services Division

Peoria, IL

- Utilized DBSCAN clustering algorithm for in-house machine learning model to reduce invoice classification time by 50%
- Forecasted incoming supplier contract volume using Prophet model for more efficient assigning of contracting agent tasks
- $\bullet$  Designed program for automatic contract type selection in Python, reducing manager and legal review time by 70%

### Quantitative Research Intern

August 2022 – December 2022

DYAD (dyadstable.com)

San Francisco, CA

- Utilized Monte Carlo methods (simulated annealing) to validate algorithms for \$DYAD, a cryptocurrency pegged to \$USD
- Constructed valuation models using ETH volatility to forecast DYAD investment prices for 10+ VC firms and investors
- Developed efficient smart contract and token sync algorithm, helping protocol to achieve \$100k TVL with minimal gas fees

Student

July 2022 – August 2022

Jane Street Capital - Academy of Math and Programming

New York City, NY

- Participated in the inaugural summer of AMP. AMP's rigorous curriculum focuses on computer science, combinatorics, and number theory, and prepares students for the challenges of STEM majors and careers.
- Designed and implemented artificial intelligence agents for mathematics-focused games, including Wordle and Quarto
- Created Wordle solver in Python using Shannon Entropy concepts with an average of 3.63 guesses and 1% failure rate

#### Research Intern

June 2021 – September 2021

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

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- Produced 4 case studies on significant financial events including the Barings Bank collapse and Subprime Mortgage Crisis
- Priced American options (TSLA) with Longstaff-Schwartz method and least-squares Monte Carlo simulation in Python
- Implemented Newton-Raphson method in Python to estimate underlying asset implied volatility with Black-Scholes model

# PROJECT/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Duke Vex Robotics Team** | Head of Software & App Development | C++, PyTorch, sklearn

September 2023 –

- $\bullet$  Implemented VSLAM and nonlinear feedback controller to optimize autonomous localization, increasing score by 150%
- Used PyTorch/sklearn to analyze competition data of 200+ matches to predict match outcomes for optimal strategy

Singularity Capital | Quantitative Researcher | React, AWS Amplify, TensorFlow, SciPy

January 2023 -

- Designed cryptocurrency triangle arbitrage strategy using Kalman filter identification in Binance exchange data
- Trained hidden Markov Model for equity trading algorithm utilizing multiple factor models for economic regime change

Cornell Trading Competition | Team Captain | Pandas, SciPy, sklearn

October 2022, October 2023

- Implemented delta-neutral options algorithm and Markowitz portfolio strategy to place 1st overall in 2022 Competition
- Used GARCH Model for high-frequency trading algorithm in cryptocurrency case, placing 5th in the 2023 Competition

Mutual Investment Club of Cornell | Real Estate Sector Head - L/S Equity Team September 2022 - May 2023

- Led team of 6 students to source and analyze 20+ equities with fundamental and quantitative (quantamental) methods
- Pitched NYSE: COLD based on analysis of REIT industry, resulting in 20% return on investment for \$100,000 portfolio

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Proficient: Java, Python (Pandas, SciPy, TensorFlow, sklearn), R, SQL; Introductory: C++, Solidity, React Technologies: Power BI, LaTeX, AWS, Azure, Excel, PowerPoint, Premiere Pro, Illustrator, Android Studio, Solidworks Interests: Chess, Formula One, Premier League, Satirical Films, Graphic Design, Table Tennis, Golf, Personal Fitness