

# Ivan Aguilar

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## Research and Work Experience

- 2015 – Present **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Redwood Center for Theoretical Neuroscience*, Berkeley, CA.
- Investigate results about the sparse perceptron model of a neuron and corresponding synaptic capacity.
  - Analyzed the performance of a multilayer perceptron as a result of dimensionality reduction in the hidden layers and input space.
- Mentor: Dr. Friedrich T. Sommer*
- 2013 - 2014 **SIRI Program**, *Jet Propulsion Laboratory*, Pasadena, CA.
- Developed a calibration scheme for a data set of ground based observations of Saturn.
  - Generated IDL code to apply corrections from observational anomalies.
  - Analyzed time dependent thermal radiance and generated visualizations of seasonal variations.
  - Results presented by mentor at international conference on Planetary Atmospheres.
- Mentor: Dr. Glenn S. Orton*
- 2011 - 2013 **Family Room Specialist**, *Apple Inc.*, Pasadena, CA.
- Provided technical support to hundreds of people on a weekly basis.
  - Facilitated training sessions to members of an exclusive program.
  - Presented workshops to consumers showcasing product features and benefits.
  - Communicated effectively with customers which was key to describing adequate solutions.
- 2013 **Student Research Assistant**, *Carnegie Observatories*, Pasadena, CA.
- Performed Point Spread Function photometry on NGC 300 in order to locate Cepheid variable stars.
  - A period-luminosity relationship was generated for the Cepheids.
  - Data analysis was accomplished using Python and open source libraries (e.g. SciPy, NumPy, matplotlib).
  - A determination of a distance to NGC 300 was used in order to calibrate Hubble's constant.
  - Results presented at undergraduate research conference.
- Mentor: Dr. Victoria Scowcroft*

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## Education

- Winter 2016 **B.A., Applied Mathematics, Physics**, *University of California*, Berkeley, CA,  
Applied Mathematics cluster in Computer Science.

### Notable Courses

- Math Linear Algebra, Numerical Analysis, Discrete Math  
Physics Instrumentation Lab, Experimentation Lab, Statistical Mechanics, Classical Mechanics  
Comp. Sci. Algorithms and Intractable Problems, Machine Learning, Operating Systems

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## Computer Skills

- Languages Three years of research experience in a UNIX environment using PYTHON and SCIPY stack. Courses using C/C++, JAVA, MATLAB, and MATHEMATICA.
- Concepts Research involving statistical analysis techniques, theoretical neuroscience concepts, and information theory. Coursework exploring algorithm runtime analysis, asymptotic analysis, neural networks, and operating system fundamentals.