# **Ellek Linton**

### Education

# University of California, Berkeley

**GPA: 3.65** 

#### B.A. in Data Science, Emphasis on Business Analytics

(May 2020)

**Coursework**: Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Data Structures, Computer Programs, Probability, Business Analytics, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus, Data Ethics

## **Work Experience**

PayPal Inc. July 2020 – Present

Backend Software Engineer (Java, Node.js)

San Jose, CA

- Developed & maintained REST Java applications to onboard new PayPal accounts for sellers and merchants
- Utilized GitHub, Jenkins, Raptor, & Maven to drive an effective testing and deployment pipeline
- Engaged in strict code security guidelines to meet rigorous financial compliance regulations

Instructure Inc. / Canvas May 2019 – July 2020

Revenue Operations Data Scientist

Salt Lake City, UT

- Tested & deployed custom automated Python tool that managed account & opportunity funnel alignment
- Saved Instructure over \$250,000 by optimizing go-to-market team focus and increasing pipeline generation
- Built automated Python package to clean & enrich Salesforce data to ensure more accurate business analytics
- Identified & merged 20,000 duplicate Salesforce accounts through string canonicalization and fuzzy matching

## **Data Science Society at UC Berkeley**

August 2018 – May 2020

Project Manager & Consultant

Berkeley, CA

- Cleaned, compiled, and merged data from 3 distinct raw datasets, totaling 350,000 rows & 200 columns
- Managed team of 6, analyzed large datasets, and performed machine learning to improve stock price predictions
- Visualized data trends, patterns, and correlations; presented findings & inferences to corporate executives

## **Personal Projects**

#### **Baus Playlist Maker** (on iOS App Store)

May 2019 - Present

Google Cloud, iOS (Swift), Python, Pandas, Numpy, Java

Berkeley, CA

- Engineered machine learning model from scratch to take in one *seed* song and generate playlist of similar songs
- Overcame curse of dimensionality (13 dimensions) and improved runtime from  $\Theta(n)$  to  $\Theta(\log(n))$
- Directly integrated with Spotify API for seamless user experience and immediate playlist listening availability
- Authored code independently, including APIs, model training/prediction, unit tests, and efficiency tests
- Structured & optimized original database of over 800,000 songs with quantified song features and attributes

#### **Authentic8r** (on iOS App Store)

March 2018 - May 2019

iOS (Swift), Python, Tensorflow, Keras, Google Cloud

Berkeley, CA

- Built convolutional neural network with Tensorflow to predict whether a sneaker is counterfeit or authentic
- Captured & labelled over 12,000 images for model training and validation, achieved 85% validation accuracy
- Attained 2,000+ phone-verified users, collected over 50,000 images from users for continuous model refinement
- Developed cloud-based implementation of Tensorflow model for real-time data-driven model updates

#### Skills

Programming Languages: Python, SQL, Java, Swift, Objective-C, Lisp

**Libraries**: Tensorflow, Keras, Jupyter, Pandas, Numpy, Seaborn/Matplotlib, Regex, Scikit-Learn

Skills: Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Recommendation Algorithms, Optimization, Data Modelling, Data

Engineering, Software Engineering, Program Optimization, Unit Testing, Agile, REST, GraphQL