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EDUCATION

Master of Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA Expected August 2025
Concentration in Artificial Intelligence.

Bachelor of Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA March 2024
Double major in Statistics and Data Science (BS) and Mathematics (BS).

EXPERIENCE

Data Science Collaborative UCSB RCO March 2023 – May 2024
Vice President

- Managed a group of over 10 staff while planning weekly community events and workshops.
- Guided more than 30 students in creating personal data science projects.
- Developed and presented five skill-building lectures for statistics undergraduates.

Campus Learning Assistive Services UCSB September 2023 – March 2024
Math Tutor

- Tutored dozens of math students; specialized in over eight classes including calculus and linear algebra.
- Devoted 8–10 hours weekly to support tutees' academic success.

PROJECTS

sEMG Signal Decoding using Deep Learning January 2025 – March 2025
Python, Pytorch, Stable-Baselines3 - coltonrowe.com

- Compared CNN, RNN, and LSTM hybrid models for keystroke decoding from sEMG using Stable-Baselines3.
- Found that the baseline CNN model outperformed the hybrid models, achieving a character error rate of 21.82.

Autonomous Driving RL with PPO in Metadrive January 2025 – March 2025
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- Used proximal policy optimization to train autonomous driving agents in Metadrive environments.
- Maximized route completion while tuning hyperparameters like scenario count, clip range, and reward shaping.
- The best agent achieved 88% route completion and 70% success rate.

Network Post-Pruning with Coresets Data Selection September 2024 – December 2024
Python, Pytorch, CIFAR Datasets - coltonrowe.com

- Investigated how coreset data selection effects "lottery ticket" one-shot network pruning.
- Trained ResNet and LeNet models on CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 datasets over hyperparameters including post-pruning epochs and prune-percent.
- The fine-tuned models maintained 2% higher accuracy after 10 epochs, suggesting coreset selection reveals structural patterns.

Predicting IMDb Ratings with Streamlit and Scikit-learn April 2023 – June 2023
Python, Streamlit — tv-popularity.netlify.app

- Built a predictive web app using Streamlit and Scikit-learn to estimate IMDb ratings, enabling users to input show attributes and receive a predicted popularity score.
- Scraped and parsed thousands of entries from Kaggle and IMDb, and engineered features to train a random forest, KNN, decision tree, and beta regression with an RMSE $\approx .197$.

Smash Bros. Match Outcome Prediction using Machine Learning January 2023 – March 2023
Python, SQL — smashsetprediction.netlify.app

- Used hyperparameter tuning and cross-validation to compare an Elastic Net, Decision Tree, Random Forest, and Boosted Tree in predicting *Super Smash Bros.* match outcomes.
- Highlighted that stage selection and player performance history were more predictive than character choice alone through variable importance, achieving an accuracy of 67.8% with a Random Forest model.

Autoregressive Time Series Forecasting of Global Temperature January 2023 – March 2023
R — globtempforecast.netlify.app

- Applied autoregressive models such as SARIMA and TAR to global temperature data spanning 100 years.
- Forecasted global mean temperature over the next 80 years to identify climate trends.