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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S in Electrical Engineering and Computing

Sept 2024 - Today

Cambridge, MA

Las Positas College

Concurrent enrollment during HS

GPA: 4.0

Jan 2024 - May 2024

Livermore, CA

Experience

Signals, Information, and Algorithms Laboratory

Cambridge, MA

Sept 2024 - Today

Advisor(s): Dr. Jongha Ryu

- > Read research papers on using Neural Networks to approximate Mutual information between two probability distributions
- > Implementing algorithm involving utilizing NeuralSVD framework to find eigenfunctions for the kernel function and passing them through KSG estimator to then find approximation for mutual information
- > Reading and implementing algorithms involving using representation theory to minimize dimension of data in order to speed up calculations and approximate important processes for analyzing data

MIT Media Lab

Cambridge, MA

Sept 2024 - Nov 2024

Advisor(s): Mr. Abhishek Singh

- > Writing code to optimize program for training machine learning models in a decentralized manner
- > Developing algorithms that ensure models are collaboratively trained across a permission-less network, balancing the need for personalization with collective training
- > Implemented testing infrastructure in order to allow for continuous development and integration in an open-source environment
- > Conducting experiments in order to evaluate performance of decentralized AI models under different conditions, minimizing communication overhead, privacy leakage, and optimizing model accuracy

San Jose BioRob Lab

San Jose, CA

August 2023 - May 2024

Advisor(s): Prof. Lin Jiang (PI), Mr. Tadeas Horn

- > Created embedded circuitry in order to make electronics for touch-sensitive glove that lets the user receive feedback for tasks they are currently doing, such as a doctor getting an assessment during surgery
- > Implemented matlab simulations to map out movement of robotic glove in real time and collect data to analyze and give feedback to the doctor
- > Produced unity simulation for seeing what the position of the glove is in real-time on the screen, allowing for future innovations such as simulations for doctors

UCSB Math Department

August 2023 - May 2024

Advisor(s): Dr. Daryl Cooper

- > Explored relation between the surface area and volume of a multidimensional polygons and some of it's other properties
- > Proved and reinterpreted existing theorem between the volume of multidimensional sphere and Euler's Identity
- > Used interpretation to explore the field of linear programming and optimization problems that involve higher dimensional polygons and shapes

Personal Projects

Ball Catching Robotic Arm

April 2022 - Feb 2024

- > Constructed [stepper motor library](#) from scratch in Cpp, allowing the arm to have seamless movement in whatever direction I want
- > Programmed the machine to track a ball using live camera detection with communication utilizing a serial port connection from the python end to the cpp end
- > Read [research papers](#) to understand how to camera-in-hand system for the arm to be able to attempt the catch the ball in real time
- > Used linear interpolation in order to create [system](#) that can track the trajectory of a moving ball and will allow the robot to analyze where it will end up and how to reach a future point along the path
- > Utilized the tensorflow library to create a [program](#) that allows me to control the robotic arm itself using gesture recognition

Neural Network for Image Recognition

Nov 2023 - Jan 2024

- > Implemented [VGG-19 Neural Network](#) in the tensorflow library in order to analyze and identify images in the open-source CIFAR-100 dataset
- > Read and analyzed [research paper](#) on how to implement said network, constructing the neural network from the information I had read
- > Created and modified my own implementation of the [Cross Entropy Loss](#) function in order to better suit the dataset that was being analyzed and understood