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Passionate and motivated high school student with a strong interest in finance, mathematics, and their intersection.

EDUCATION

South Burlington High School

Current GPA: 3.99/4.0, PSAT: 1520/1520

South Burlington, VT

August 2022–Present

Relevant Coursework: AP Calculus BC (Exam Score: 5/5)

University of Vermont

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Burlington, VT

July 2024

Relevant Coursework: Calculus III (Multivariable Calculus)

PROJECTS

OPTIONS PRICING MODELS

- Implemented the Black-Scholes model in Python to calculate theoretical values of European options with precision
- Developed interactive visualizations demonstrating how changes in underlying prices affect option valuations
- Created graphical representations of simple option strategies to analyze risk-reward relationships
- Built Binomial Tree models to accurately price both American and European style options

KAGGLE COMPETITIONS

- Applied data cleaning techniques, including imputation, Principal Component Analysis, and normalization
- Implemented and optimized machine learning models including Random Forest, Clustering, and Ensemble methods for competitive prediction challenges
- Created insightful data visualizations using Matplotlib and Seaborn

CRYPTOCURRENCY DATA COLLECTION

- Engineered a data collection system using Websocket and REST APIs to gather comprehensive tick-by-tick market data from the Kraken exchange
- Developed asynchronous Python functions to process and display real-time orderbook data and market statistics
- Optimized data storage solutions using Parquet file format, Git version control, and Docker containers

SKILLS

- Programming:** Python 3 (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib)
- Data Science:** Machine Learning (Scikit-learn, LightGBM, XGBoost)
- Software:** Git, Docker, Parquet

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- National Merit Semifinalist:** Perfect PSAT score
- 2nd Regional Prize in the Vermont High School Prize Examination:** State-wide math exam (May 2024)
- Math League 7th Place Individual Award** (2025)
- SBHS High Honor Roll:** All's A's for the entirety of high school

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Math League Champions (2022-2025), Captain (2025)
- Varsity Ultimate Frisbee (Spring 2024, 2025)
- Varsity Soccer (Fall 2024)
- Club Soccer (2017-2025), Captain (2025)
- Ping Pong Club President (2024-2025)
- Math Tutoring (~30 hours)