

# KAI MALLOY

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Irvine

Sept. 2017 - Jun. 2021

B.S. Computer Science | AI Specialization | **GPA: 3.85/4.00** | Deans List: 2017-2021

Chancellor's Award | ICS Honors | *Relevant Coursework:* Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Machine Learning and Data Mining, Projects in AI, Algorithms for Probabilistic and Deterministic Graphical Models

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### DataLab Group at UC Irvine | PI: Prof. Padhraic Smyth, Graduate Mentor: Casey Graff

Mar. 2020 - Present

*Undergraduate Researcher*

Irvine, CA

- Built novel convolutional and recurrent neural network models for wildfire prediction, trained on 150,000+ images of wildfire, weather, topography, and land cover from NASA satellites
- Created a dynamic animation script for forecasting California wildfires at different locations and times

### Apple

Jan. 2019 - Jul. 2019

*iPhone Quality Engineer Intern*

Cupertino, CA

- Wrote visualization scripts and developed two full scale applications for analyzing iPhone Failure Analysis data
- Optimized large scale data processing task that took 10 minutes using internal tools down to 5 seconds with my Python script

## SELECTED PROJECTS

### 🔗 CNN and RNNs for Active Wildfire Forecasting: ICS Honors Program Thesis

Jun. 2021

- Developed a recurrent addition to a convolutional neural network that can predict wildfire spread at 3 hour, 4 hour, and 6 hour intervals given 12 hour input data
- Information and Computer Sciences Honors Program with the Summer Undergraduate Research Grant

### 🔗 Song Classification and Recommendation with BERT: Deep Learning Course Project

Mar. 2021

- Built a BERT song classification model that categorized happy and sad with 76% accuracy using PyTorch
- Used the embeddings from the BERT layer to solve a proxy task of song recommendation with k-means clustering and an inverted index

### 🔗 Deep Neural Networks for Removing Rain from Images: Machine Learning Course Project

Dec. 2020

- Built an image-to-image deep neural network to remove rain from images using PyTorch
- Best predictions were reaching a Peak Signal to Noise Ratio of 77 and a Structural Similarity Index of 0.9

### 🔗 Wine Quality Classification with SVM and Random Forest: Machine Learning Course Project

Mar. 2020

- Visualized UC Irvine's Wine Quality dataset with various plots using NumPy and Matplotlib
- Built a Random Forest and Support Vector Machine classifier for the dataset using Scikit-Learn

## LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

### The Green Initiative Fund: UC Irvine Student Government

Sept. 2020 - Jun. 2021

*Commissioner*

Irvine, CA

- Managed meetings and approved 20+ sustainable undergraduate projects that impacted the UC Irvine campus

### Teaching at UC Irvine

Mar. 2020 - Jun. 2021

*Learning Assistant*

Irvine, CA

- Held office hours for 2 quarters of Introduction to Programming and 1 quarter of Discrete Mathematics

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Programming Languages

Python, R, Java, C++, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

### Data Science Libraries

PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, PyQtGraph

### Other

Linux, Git, Vim, Slurm, MIPS (Assembly),  $\text{\LaTeX}$

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fulbright Australia 2021 Semi-finalist | Bilingual: fluent in Japanese (spoken, written), English