# KAI MALLOY

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### **EDUCATION**

University of California, Irvine | B.S. Computer Science | Specialization in Al

Sept. 2017 - Jun. 2021

Chancellor's Award | ICS Honors | GPA: 3.85/4.00 | Deans List: 2017-2021

Relevant Coursework: Neural Networks and Deep Learning, Machine Learning and Data Mining, Projects in AI, Calculus, Computational Linear Algebra, Algorithms for Probabilistic and Deterministic Graphical Models

### RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

Mar. 2020 - Present *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), LATEX

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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