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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2019 – Present

S.M. in Aeronautics and Astronautics

Uncertainty Quantification (UQ) Group, Aerospace Computational Design Lab (ACDL)

Major: Aerospace Computational Engineering

University of Toronto

2015 – 2019

B.ASc. in Engineering Science, Major in Aerospace Engineering

Cumulative GPA: 3.95/4.00 (*High Honours*)

Entrance Scholarships: President's Scholar of Excellence, Delta Tau Delta Award

In-course Scholarships: Dean's Scholar of Excellence, Kenneth Ward Smith Scholarship

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2020 – Present

Research Assistant, Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics (Supervisor: Prof. Youssef Marzouk)

- Project objective to develop Bayesian methods for Earth remote sensing applications that are sufficiently fast for operations.
- Develop approximations of radiative transfer models using machine learning techniques.
- Investigate methods of dimension reduction.
- Implement Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithms using these structures to accelerate posterior sampling.

University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS)

2018 – 2019

Thesis Student (Supervisor: Prof. David Zingg)

- Project objective is to investigate stability of eigensystems resulting from summation-by-parts (SBP) operators.
- Implementing methods to increase stability such as rearrangement of governing equation into split forms and artificial dissipation.

University of Michigan

Summer 2018

Research Assistant, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering (Supervisor: Prof. J. R. R. A. Martins)

- Performed CFD analysis for airfoils using various RANS and Euler solvers using Flux High-Performance Computing Cluster.
- Compiled CFD results into open-sourced airfoil design tool that performs airfoil analysis and optimization using a surrogate model (<http://webfoil.engin.umich.edu>).

- Conducted mesh refinement studies to validate CFD results.
- Performed airfoil optimizations and created a comprehensive tutorial for airfoil optimization within the lab framework.

German Aerospace Center (DLR)

Summer 2017

Research Intern, Institute of Propulsion Technology

- Implemented various signal processing methods for wave number decomposition.
- Validated signal processing methods with analytic signals and applied the methods to experimental acoustic data from measurements inside aircraft engine ducts.

University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS)

Summer 2016

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Prof. Philippe Lavoie)

- Project objective was to develop an optimization program that outputs propeller designs for unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) quadcopters given specified flight conditions.
- Developed a MATLAB program to compute the performance model of a propeller, including propeller thrust and efficiency, given its geometric parameters.

Carleton University

2013 – 2014

Student Researcher, Dept. of Mech. and Aerospace Engineering (Supervisor: Prof. M. Yaras)

- Performed flow visualization testing on wind turbine blades with tubercles in a water channel to improve turbine efficiency.
- Published research paper, “Investigation on Wind Turbine Blades with Tubercles”.
- Presented research at International Conference on Green Materials and Environmental Engineering in Hong Kong (Sept. 2014).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant – 16.100 Aerodynamics

2019

Aeronautics and Astronautics, MIT

- Hold weekly recitation sessions for a junior-level aerodynamics course.
- Assist in devising weekly problem sets and course project on aircraft design.
- Supervise and grade examinations.
- Hold weekly office hours and provide external assistance to students as needed.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant – MAT186/MAT187

2018 – 2019

Department of Mathematics, University of Toronto

- Review course content and help students solve problems in two tutorial sessions per week for two first-year calculus courses.
- Grading quizzes and supervising examinations throughout the semester.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Aerospace Design Projects

2018 – 2019

- Designed and constructed a remotely piloted aircraft to minimize a multi-objective cost.
- Systems design for orbiting space telescope using a top-down approach, including the electrical, GNC, data, and structures subsystems, partnered with MDA Corp. Developed sets of requirements and performed trade studies.

Construction of Autonomous Robot

2017

- Designed and prototyped a fully autonomous robot that sorts cans for recycling.
- Responsible for implementation of digital and analog interfacing electronics, including circuit design and wiring.
- Placed 1st in the final competition in a semester-long engineering design course.

University of Toronto Aerospace Team

2015 – 2017

- Designed and manufactured the combustion chamber liner for a suborbital rocket.
- Assisted in the design and construction of a quadcopter.
- Designed components for a quadcopter using Solidworks.

AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Engineering Science Research Opportunity Fund (ESROP) – International	2018
Research Internships in Science and Engineering (RISE) funded by MITACS	2017
Engineering Science Research Opportunity Fund (ESROP) – Domestic	2016
K. Leung, "Investigation of Wind Turbine Blades with Tubercles", Advanced Materials Research, Vol. 1051, pp. 832-839, 2014.	2014

SKILLS

Courses: Statistics, optimization, stochastic modelling, numerical methods for PDEs

Programming: Python, MATLAB, SQL, TensorFlow, C, Java

Languages: Native speaker of English, Mandarin, Cantonese. Proficient in French, Korean.