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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Cambridge, MA

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with Computer Science, GPA: 5.0/5.0

May 2025

Minors in Statistics and Data Science and History

Activities and Awards: Envisioning the Future of Computing Prize Honorable Mention, Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing Surveillance Scholar, Dorm Treasurer

Coursework: Introduction to Machine Learning, Software Construction, Statistics, Computation and Applications, Statistical Reinforcement Learning, Statistical Learning Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Professional Experience

SESCO Enterprises

Pittsburgh, PA

Quantitative Analyst Intern

May 2024 - August 2024

- Analyzed data from over 600 solar farms across 3 years to identify deficiencies in the forecasting model used to estimate hourly solar energy output
- Developed an efficient and responsive model to incorporate solar panel information, weather data, and prior solar output
- Reduced overall forecasting error by more than 40% using an interpretable model based on scientific research and data analysis

Just-A-Start

Cambridge, MA

Data Analysis Intern

May 2023 – August 2023

- Analyzed financial records and personal statements collected from 25 individuals across 3 years alongside census data to detect progress as a result of non-profit efforts
- Produced statistics and visualization to argue the efficacy of the program for a white paper sent to stakeholders
- Utilized technical analyses and participant responses to propose improvements for future program iterations

Code for Good

Cambridge, MA

Consultant

October 2022 – December 2022

- Spearheaded a team of 5 students in advising the Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation
- Processed over 40 years of census data to understand changing demographics in the Allston Brighton community and inform future housing development
- Developed a data visualization highlighting these changes for use on the Allston Brighton CDC's website

IRS Criminal Investigation

Remote

Data Analysis Fellow

June 2022 – August 2022

- Selected from an applicant pool of 1,600 students as part of the Civic Digital Fellowship, a Coding it Forward fellowship that empowers early-career technologists to explore careers in the federal government
- Analyzed over 3 million Ethereum transactions to develop an algorithm for tracking illegal cryptocurrency transactions
- Tested and evaluated APIs for linking processed datasets through Wikidata records
- Presented projects and results to IRS leadership

Research Experience

MIT Economics
Student Researcher

Cambridge, MA

January 2024 – May 2024

- Utilized prompt engineering with OpenAI's Whisper automatic speech recognition for applications in Indian court transcriptions
- Fine-tuned, deployed, and evaluated large language models in both AWS and Azure to allow for efficient transcription of legal terms in numerous linguistic contexts

MIT Computer Science and AI Laboratory

Cambridge, MA

Student Researcher

January 2023 – June 2023

- Fine-tuned large language models for completion of a dataset of more than 4,500 MIT math and computer science problems
- Utilized prompt engineering and grading techniques including few-shot, chain-of-thought, and expert prompting to improve the outputs of GPT-4 on MIT dataset
- Co-wrote and produced data visualizations for a research paper discussing the results

USAF-MIT AI Accelerator

Cambridge, MA

Student Researcher

January 2022

- Developed a one-shot machine learning algorithm to identify and grade piloting maneuvers for applications in pilot training
 - Presented findings to members of the MIT and Air Force communities

Skills

Programming Languages: Python, Julia, R, SQL, Typescript **Packages:** TensorFlow, PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Jupyter

Additional Skills: Prompt Engineering, Data Analysis, Statistical Modeling, LaTeX, HTML, Excel