# MICHAEL NEUDER

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#### **EDUCATION**

## University of Colorado, College of Arts and Sciences

2015 - 2020

Bachelor's in Computer Science, Bachelor's in Mathematics

Boulder, CO

· Overall GPA: 3.85/4.0

· Computer Science GPA: 3.97/4.0

· Senior Thesis (tenative title): Image quality evaluation using deep learning.

# University of Oxford, Mansfield College

2018

Visiting Student

Oxford, UK

· Coursework in Statistics, Probability, Macroeconomics, and Numerical Analysis.

- · Visited for Hilary and Trinity terms (January June).
- · Averaged First Class marks.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## EconCS Group, Harvard University

August 2019 - December 2019

Research Assistant under supervision of Dr. David C. Parkes and Daniel Moroz

Cambridge, MA

- · Examined known incentive flaws in the Proof-of-Work consensus mechanism with classical and deep reinforcement learning algorithms.
- · Explored incentive vulnerabilities in the recently updated Proof-of-Stake protocol used by Tezos.

### Santa Fe Institute

June 2018 - August 2018

Undergraduate Research Fellow: Summer 2018 REU

Santa Fe, NM

- · Leveraged computer vision and machine learning algorithms to attempt to extract animal trajectories from drone footage despite small animal size and camouflage.
- · Studied the research space of object tracking and image segmentation using software packages including YOLO, Mask RCNN, and Faster RCNN.

### Bradley Lab, University of Colorado

April 2017 - Present

Research Assistant under supervision of Dr. Elizabeth Bradley

Boulder, CO

- · Collaborated with an interdisciplinary research group to analyze high-resolution water isotope data collected from polar ice cores using information theory.
- · Developed and maintained the codebase for the processing, analysis, and visualization of our data.

## Mozer Lab, University of Colorado

March 2017 - Present

Research Assistant under supervision of Dr. Michael Mozer

Boulder, CO

- · Implemented deep neural nets to analyze information content of text and predict human reading time with the goal of use in automated scrolling systems.
- · Created convolutional neural network architectures to evaluate image quality based on computer vision metrics (mainly Multi-Scale Structural Similarity).

#### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Google

May 2020 - August 2020

 $Software\ Engineering\ Intern\ -\ Cloud$ 

Madison, WI

· Incoming intern in cloud infrastructure.

Google

May 2019 - August 2019

Software Engineering Intern - Flights

Cambridge, MA

- · Built and deployed a server that held internal airline data to be queried with a remote procedure call which reduced cumulative data retrieval time by at least 50%.
- · Created a multi-threaded SQL engine that improved query response time by 10x by returning results concurrently with iterating the remaining rows.

 $\mathbf{Google}$ 

September 2018 - December 2018

Software Engineering Intern - G Suite

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- · Built an automated pipeline that collects data, trains a machine learning model, and deploys the model to an internal recommendation server.
- · Integrated natural language processing algorithms into the Mobile Device Management system on the G Suite Platform.

Lockheed Martin & Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics Software Engineering Intern

Feb 2017 - Oct 2017 *Boulder, CO* 

- · Created user-friendly graphical applications using the Qt and neurses frameworks in Python and C++.
- $\cdot$  Developed automated graphical application testing suites using EggPlant Functional software and the SenseTalk language.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- · M. Neuder, D. J. Moroz, R. Rao, D. C. Parkes, "Selfish Behavior in the Tezos Proof-of-Stake Protocol," submitted, Cryptoeconomic Systems (CES) Conference 2020. https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.02954.
- · J. Garland, T. Jones, M. Neuder, J. W. C. White, E. Bradley, "An information-theoretic approach to extracting climate signals from deep polar ice cores," *Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science* 29:101105 (2019). https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.10936.
- · J. Garland, T. Jones, M. Neuder, V. Morris, J. W. C. White, E. Bradley, "Anomaly Detection in Paleoclimate Records using Information Theory," *Entropy* **20**(12):931 (2018). https://arxiv.org/abs/1811.01272.
- · M. Neuder, M. Mozer, "Image Evaluation Using Deep Learning," Colorado Journal of Applied Mathematics Fall 2018 Edition:43-54 (2018).

#### AWARDS

- · 2019-2020. Sieglinde Talbott Haller Scholarship in Mathematics. Given to high performing Math majors at the University of Colorado.
- · 2019. Honorable Mention in the Computing Research Association Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award. Nominated by Dr. Liz Bradley.
- · 2017. Phi Beta Kappa. Elected Junior year for completing 100 credit hours with a GPA greater than 3.7.
- · 2015-2020. President Joseph A. Sewall Esteemed Scholar Award. Merit based scholarship given to Colorado residents.
- · 2015-2020. Dean's List. Earned for achieving a GPA of 3.75 or greater during a full time semester.

#### TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Languages C++11, Python, Perl, Java, MATLAB, R

Tools git, TensorFlow, Keras, gRPC, protocol bufffers, Linux, Jupyter, LaTeX, CUDA dependency injection, multithreading, object-oriented programming, factory methods

#### ADDITIONAL

Club involvement Interests Data Science Team, Math club, Mansfield College Rowing (Oxford, UK)

rock climbing, skiing, chess, ultimate frisbee, reading, mandolin