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| Experience | Uber ATG **·** Research Intern *Jan 2020 – Aug 2020*   * Improved **object detection by** **90%** (AP) and **motion forecasting by** **22%** (L2) of a self-driving neural net under realistic positional error, significantly improving safety for future riders * Wrote a **first author paper** on the learned positional error correction system (under review at CoRL)   Google Brain **·** Software Engineering Intern *May 2019 – Aug 2019*   * Unlocked K-FAC for **over 370,000 users** by implementing and open sourcing automatic support for arbitrary neural network architectures and integrating it into the Keras ecosystem * Enabled simple **multi-node, multi-GPU/TPU training** for users by incorporating **TensorFlow's** Distribution Strategy and efficient distributed operation placement * Designed, created, and open-sourced idiomatic, reproducible training recipes for users while carefully considering hyperparameter ranges, baselines, datasets, and models   NVIDIA **·** Performance Software Engineering Intern *Aug 2020 – Present*   * Optimizing sparse BERT inference performance for **TensorRT** in **C++**, enabling a potential **50% reduction** in inference time, memory usage, and power usage for customers   John Hancock Financial **·** Data Science Intern *May 2018 – Aug 2018*   * Achieved a **fraud detection rate of** **63%** through designing an unsupervised ML model * Deployed 25 fraud identifying rules in **SQL** that **correctly** **flagged 100+ out of 20,000+** claims * Worked closely with clinicians to extract features from **5 new data sources** using **pandas**   Sunnybrook Research Institute **·** Software Developer Intern *Jul 2017 – Aug 2017*   * Improved MRI segmentation accuracy by **up to 80%** and reduced time to contour MRI scans from ~**5 hrs to ~40 mins** by implementing techniques including watershed and clustering | |
| Open Source | PyTorch Ignite:Improved performance by **up to 63%** by designing and implementing **async updates for distributed metrics** with tests and documentation | |
| Leadership | Data Science Club Lectures: Designed and presented workshops about neural networks in **TensorFlow**,machine learning in **scikit-learn**,and data cleaning in **pandas** for **300+ students**  WATonomous Design Team: Implemented real-time object detection in **Tensorflow, OpenCV** | |
| Projects | Competitive Pokemon Analysis:Scraped, visualized, analyzed, and modeled Pokemon data with random forests, boosting trees, and markov chains in **pandas**, **scikit-learn**, and **matplotlib**  Thrive Life Simulator:Created a **3D ray-casting game engine from scratch** for a dinosaur world simulation game in **Java** with **object-oriented design** and detailed documentation­  Kaggle - Quora Insincere Questions Competition:Achieved an F1 score of 0.669 using an LSTM with GloVe embeddings after ­­­training for the 2-hour limit | |
| Education | University of Waterloo **·** Computer Science & Statistics (B. Math) *2017 – 2022*  Cumulative GPA: 3.94/4.00 - Dean's List   * Research (Prof. Lin Tan): Proposed and implemented deep learning methods to identify bugs in code * Research (Prof. Pascal Poupart): Investigated practical second order optimization methods for NNs | |