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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)   **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, 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**, which **evaluated 20,000+** and **flagged 100+ 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 like watershed, clustering, and more | |
| 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:** Wrote 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) *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 | |