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Education

Harvey Mudd College

Claremont, California

B.S., Mathematics and Computer Science, Major GPA: 3.90

Expected May 2022

Courses: Geometry of Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks, Mathematics of Big Data, Algorithms, Algebraic Geometry, NLP with Deep Learning, Bayesian Statistics (Sp '22)

Research Experience

Department of Mathematics, Harvey Mudd College

Claremont, California

Student Researcher, Geometric Deep Learning

September 2021–Present

Advisor: Weiqing Gu

- Built a temporal graph convolutional network (T-GCN) model to detect seizures in electroencephalogram (EEG) data.
- Working to integrate EEG and gait data with geometric deep learning methods to diagnose Parkinson's disease and analyze its progression.

AMISTAD Lab

Claremont, California

Student Researcher, Statistical Learning

October 2020–Present

Advisor: George Montanez

- Derived generalization error bounds of learning algorithms in terms of algorithm capacity by introducing a novel geometric representation of algorithm bias.
- Second author of paper under review at *33rd International Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT 2022)*.

AMISTAD Lab

Claremont, California

Student Researcher, Graphical Models

May 2020–October 2020

Advisor: George Montanez

- Developed a probabilistic model of abductive reasoning using a Bayesian network that unifies selective and creative abduction and constructs common-cause explanations of observations.
- First author of paper published at *13th International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence (ICAART 2021)*.

Industry Experience

Clinic Program, Harvey Mudd College

Claremont, California

Project Manager

September 2021–Present

- Building an unsupervised anomaly detection model on time-series marketing data through a dynamic regression model and a long short-term memory (LSTM) autoencoder.

Etsy

Brooklyn, New York

Software Engineer Intern

May 2021–August 2021

- Developed a transformer-based deep learning model with DistilBERT architecture using Tensorflow to identify safe search queries with over 91% accuracy.
- Improved query understanding at Etsy by retraining an existing transformer-based model that classifies search queries as broad or direct, increasing accuracy by 9% and reducing model volatility.

Viasat

Carlsbad, California

Software Engineer Intern

May 2019–August 2019

- Built REST API using CherryPy Python Library and a global runtime manager in C# to enable communication between Microsoft HoloLens and Link 16 radio network and handle distribution of data into assets, allowing for live updating of heads-up display.
- Presented by Viasat at *The Association of the United States Army Conference (AUSA 2019)*.

Publications

- [1] [Under Review] Ramya Ramalingam, **Nicolas Espinosa Dice**, Megan Kaye, and George Montanez. Bounding generalization error through bias and capacity. In *Algorithmic Learning Theory*, 2022.
- [2] **Nicolas Espinosa Dice**, Megan L Kaye, Hana Ahmed, and George D Montanez. A probabilistic theory of abductive reasoning. In *ICAART (2)*, pages 562–571, 2021.

Teaching and Leadership Experience

Honor Board

Claremont, California

Chair (2020-2021)

October 2018–Present

- Oversaw 22 students on Harvey Mudd College’s Honor Board, chaired hearings regarding Honor Code violations, and mediated settlements between students and faculty.

Society of Professional Latinx in STEM

Claremont, California

Public Outreach Director (2019-2020)

September 2018–Present

- Led biweekly STEM tutoring sessions for high school students through HMC’s Society of Professional Latinx in STEM and in partnership with Uncommon Good.

Artificial Intelligence Course Assistant

Claremont, California

Grader and Tutor

January 2021–May 2021

Scholarships

Harvey S. Mudd Merit Award

Claremont, California

Harvey Mudd College

September 2018–Present

- \$10,000/year scholarship for “superior academic achievement and ability to contribute to the College.”

Skills

Languages: English (Native Speaker), Spanish (Fluent)

Programming Languages: Python, C++, Java, SQL, R, Scala, C#

Programming Libraries: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn