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Education and Academic Honors

University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois)

Fall 2012 – Summer 2016 (Expected)

Dean's List (2012 – 2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015)

Expected Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with minor in Computer Science

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics Education (Budapest, Hungary)

Fall 2015

Programming and Computer Science Experience

Counselor, SESAME

Summer 2015

- Assisted students in lab sessions as a TA for Computer Science class (in Java) for CPS and other teachers.

Teaching Assistant, Intro to Computer Science

Summer 2015

- Answered most student questions on Piazza of 3 TA team, assisted in programming labs, and graded.

Intro to Mathematical Probability

Spring 2015

- Studied probability spaces, both discrete and continuous random variables, transformations of variables, bivariate normal distribution, and basic random walks as well as applied lots and lots of multi-variable calculus/analysis.

Databases

Spring 2015

- Wrote (in C) a relational database management system, including organizing data using B-trees, implemented machine instructions, generated machine code from parsed SQL queries, and did sigma-pushing optimization.
- Used SQLite to design a database of albums released in 2015. Helped run house t-shirt sales using SQL queries.

Networks and Distributed Systems

Winter 2015

- Wrote (in C) a multi-threaded RFC-compliant IRC server, added reliability features such as out-of-order delivery & re-transmission to IP in order to replicate TCP, verifying functionality using Wireshark, and simulated a router.

Theoretical Research and Background

Summer 2014 – Spring 2015

- For the UChicago Summer Mathematics REU, researched and wrote a review paper on [The Discrete Log Problem and Elliptic Curve Cryptography](#) under the guidance of a Number Theory graduate student mentor.
- Studied data structures, divide and conquer methods, complexity, graphs, probability, cryptography, statistics, recurrences, and number theory in Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms, and Graph Theory.

Architecture, Intro to Systems, and Intro to Programming

Summer 2013 – Fall 2014

- Used forking and signals to program a basic shell, optimized matrix multiplication code for differing memory configurations after simulating a cache, and performed a text file of banking transactions using a hash table in C.
- Worked with lambda functions to apply color palette filters to images in a GUI app, implemented Huffman encoding using binary trees, and wrote a linked list implementation in Scheme.

Statistical Models and Methods

Spring 2013

- Programmed in R to explore datasets and perform statistical tasks such as regression, computing statistics and probabilities, and plotting and visualizing data. Used Matlab to do phase-plane analysis in Biology class

Technical Skills and Knowledge

Programming Languages: Used C for large projects since 2013; Some R work starting in 2013; Learned Python in 2014.

Version control: Used Git and Github for two major quarter-long projects & personal use. Expert in use of Subversion.

Debuggers, etc: Used GDB to step through binaries sans source code to defuse a “bomb” and used Valgrind/Helgrind to find memory leaks.

Operating Systems: Programmed mainly on Unix, using command line and SSH extensively. Proficient with use of Cygwin.

Service Experience

Volunteer Tutor (NSP, Arrupe Service)

Fall 2010 – Summer 2012; Winter 2015 – Winter 2016

- Ran an after-school mathematics club, with a partner, for 12 students at Hungarian public middle school.
- Bought and used base-ten blocks in special education classroom of 20 under-served middle school students in a CPS Level I school. Tutored mathematics, and all lower subjects in Evanston and Chicago public schools.

Community Service Chair, Breckinridge House

Spring 2015

- Organized “Fireside Chat” & discussion with 10 students and members of Chicago Coalition for Homeless

One Week Chicago Urban Plunge (Arrupe Service)

Summer 2011

- Volunteered at food distribution centers, soup kitchens, night shelters, and immigrant/refugee organizations.