

Nathan Tung

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Sc.M. in Applied Mathematics

Brown University, Fall 2020 – Spring 2022

Sc.B. (Honors) in Applied Mathematics – Computer Science

Brown University, Fall 2018 – Spring 2022

Graduate-Level Courses: Probability Theory I and II, Real Function Theory I and II, Topics in Modern Learning Theory, Advanced Probabilistic Methods in Computer Science, Partial Differential Equations I and II

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Honors Thesis

Brown University

Researcher – Professors Eli Upfal and Basilis Gidas

October 2021 – Present

Investigating concentration of functions of random variables around median as opposed to the usual expectation and in what scenarios such bounds may be useful. Of particular interest are bounds arising from Talagrand's isoperimetric-type inequality and applications to machine learning and Rademacher complexity.

BigData Group

Brown University

Research Assistant – Professors Ani Eloyan and Eli Upfal

January – November 2021

Developed theory, wrote R code, and ran experiments for a novel statistical algorithm to detect strongly connected brain regions using Gaussian graphical models, Bayesian statistics, graphical random walks, and multiple hypothesis testing. I plan to collaborate with a Brown PhD student on extending connectivity estimation from the population to the individual level.

Intelligent Robot Lab

Brown University

Research Assistant – Professor George Konidaris

February 2020 – February 2021

Wrote code for a more robust form of motion planning via learning sequences of associative skill memories. Worked with Mujoco and Pybullet physics simulators in Python and fully integrated sensory feedback into a traditional dynamical movement primitive codebase.

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center

St. Louis, MO

Research Assistant – Dr. James Umen

June 2017 – February 2018

Designed and carried out experiments to mutagenize and study developmental mutants of the multicellular green algae *Volvox carteri*. In the process I found an undocumented and worked to image development of various mutants. Wrote a research report of findings for use in future work.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Artificial Intelligence – CSCI 1410

Brown University

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

September – December 2020

Took charge of and improved the Hidden Markov Model assignment, held hours to help students' with concepts and coding, and graded assignments.

Varsity Tutors

Virtual

Tutor

December 2018 – May 2020

Tutored high school students in math and early college students in computer science on a weekly basis. Topics ranged from geometry to software engineering and algorithms.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

moodplex.com

Virtual

Software Engineering Intern

May – August 2020

One of two developers building a social media platform with posts pulled from Hackernews, Twitter, Reddit, and Youtube. Personally wrote backend, implementing an ELO algorithm for post rankings, a SQL database and management methods in Golang, and JavaScript behind the website.

HLK Agency

St. Louis, MO

Data Engineering Intern

June – August 2019

Worked on an agile data platform giving each client a secure & isolated data lake and big-data workspace. Performed AI analysis on data in Jupyter Notebooks including a Naïve Bayes classifier and worked with Kubernetes, Rancher, Kafka, and Spark to create API's and data sync systems that are running the company's data lake today.

PROJECTS AND AWARDS (ALL PINNED TO GITHUB)

Citadel and Correlation One East Coast Regional Data Open

September 2020

Placed 1st overall and won \$20k for a novel diversity index for movies including poster representation, Bechdel test results, and cast composition that strongly correlates with IMDb ratings. Scraped for movie posters, extracted demographics with computer vision, and ran statistical analyses between datasets. Invited to international Data Open Championship in 2021.

Trading Algorithms

August 2020

Dual moving average crossover, fitting an autoregressive kernel model for price prediction, and delta hedging in Python.

Tron Bot

October 2019

Created an artificial intelligence to play Tron/lightbike in Python using minimax algorithm, alpha-beta pruning, and a heuristic to analyze game states and make decisions. Placed in top 10 of 150-student AI class.

NeuroStud

April 2019

Worked in a team to hack an EEG headset to feed data to an Arduino which was then analyzed and integrated with a Java webapp. Monitors attention level while studying to generate a review session of screenshots when attention lapsed.

Paranoid Passenger

December 2018

Won flights and hotel stay from JetBlue at Yale's Hackathon for paranoidpassenger.com, a web app to provide optimized flight options based on turbulence, security checkpoint wait-time, airport rating, and travel distance data scraped from the TSA, Homeland Security, NOAA, and Google. Wrote backend in Python and PHP and scraped for TSA data.

PREPRINTS AND UNDER REVIEW

1. Nathan Tung, Eli Upfal, Jerome Sanes, and Ani Eloyan. "Neuro-Hotnet: A Graph Theoretic Approach for Brain FC Estimation". In: *arXiv:2111.08118* (2021). Submitted to *NeuroImage*.

SKILLS

Natural Languages

Native: English **Proficient:** Spanish **Basic:** Chinese, French

Programming Languages

Fluent: R, Python, Matlab, Golang, HTML, CSS

Familiar: Java, C, JS, Swift, SQL