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EDUCATION

Duke University

Durham, NC

Biomedical Engineering (B.S.E) and Computer Science (B.A)

August 2022 – May 2025

- GPA: 3.963 (Dean's List with Distinction)
- Relevant Coursework: Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Data Structures and Algorithms, Everything Data, Organic Chemistry, Quantitative Physiology

EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Researcher

Sep. 2023 – Present

Duke University

Durham, NC

- Working on implementation of Velorama, a gene regulatory network inference tool that uses RNA velocity to reveal causal links between transcription factors and their target genes
- Design of graph neural networks and optimal learning through PyTorch for analyzing multimodal single-cell data

ML and AI Intern

Jul. 2023 – Aug. 2023

SureStart MIT FutureMakers

Remote

- Created and implemented convolutional neural networks (CNNs), multilayer perceptrons (MLPs), and other deep learning models in TensorFlow
- Served as full stack developer on Perspectify, which takes current events, summarizes major points, and recommends articles with alternative viewpoints
- Incorporated OpenAI API and Google API to pull information through Django back-end

Bursac Lab Research Assistant

Sep. 2022 – May 2023

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- Performed cell embedding, cryostat slicing, primary and secondary staining of cardiomyocytes for data collection
- Analyzed fluorescent data to view cell activity of cardiomyocytes using ImageJ
- Conducted qPCR, DNA isolation, and RNA Miniprep protocol for data collection

BluePrism Automation Intern

Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021

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Remote

- Completed BluePrism training protocol
- Designed BluePrism protocol for automating project feasibility analysis
- Implemented method of extracting information from an Excel Questionnaire
- Implemented method of computing statistics based on the stored data, then emailing summary to target user
- Presented final product to company CEO and board at end of summer

PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

Perspectify | Python, Django, HTML/CSS

Aug. 2023 – Present

- Developed a full-stack web application using Django serving OpenAI and Google API with HTML/CSS front-end
- Implemented BeautifulSoup4 to scrape text from web articles and feed text to OpenAI API
- Implemented OpenAI API to clearly and concisely summarize articles and feed search terms to Google API
- Used Google API to query related articles and provide additional links for further research

Sentiment and AQI Correlation | Python, Numpy, Pandas, Seaborn, Textblob

Jan. 2023 – May 2023

- Conducted correlational analysis on climate conditions and sentiment in tweets
- Used Pandas and Numpy to extract locational data from Tweet database
- Indexed relative locations in an AQI database with levels of CO2, NO2 and SO2
- Calculated sentiment value of Tweet using Textblob and plotted correlation with AQI using Seaborn

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Computer: Java, Python, HTML/CSS, SQL, MATLAB, Django, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Numpy, Pandas, Keras

Lab: Western Blot, qPCR, Cell Staining, Gram stains, DNA Fingerprinting, DNA Isolation, RNA MiniPrep

Interests: Working Out, Tennis, Basketball, Cooking, Drone Photography, Hiking, Hip-Hop, Rubik's Cubing