Reuben Feinman

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Education: New York University

Ph.D., Neural Science, expected May 2022

- Thesis advisors: Brenden Lake & Eero Simoncelli
- Relevant coursework:
 - Neuroscience: Math Tools for Neural and Cognitive Science, Cellular Neuroscience,
 Neuroanatomy, Sensory & Motor Systems, Behavioral & Cognitive Neuroscience

Brown University

Sc.B. with Honors, Applied Mathematics, May 2015

- Thesis: A deep belief network approach to learning depth from optical flow
- Thesis advisors: Thomas Serre & Stuart Geman
- GPA: 3.9/4.0
- Relevant coursework:
 - *Computer Science:* Accelerated Intro to Computer Science, Intro to Computer Systems, Discrete Structures & Probability, Intro to Artificial Intelligence
 - *Mathematics:* Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Methods of Applied Math I&II, Statistical Inference, Information Theory, Game Theory, Recent Applications of Probability & Statistics
 - Neuroscience: Computational Vision

Work

Symantec Corporation

Experience:

Machine Learning Engineer

Center for Advanced Machine Learning

July 2015 – June 2017

- Worked as the only non-PhD in a team of 10, with the consulting of ML pioneer Russ Salakhutdinov
- Led an R&D effort that resulted in the dramatic improvement of known and unknown malware detection rates on 100+ million endpoints worldwide
- Developed a ML model that caught and blocked 22 million attempts of the global and infamous "WannaCry" ransomware attack

Publications & Patents:

- Feinman, R. & Lake, B.M. (2018). Learning inductive biases with simple neural networks. *arXiv* preprint arXiv:1802.02745.
- Feinman, R., Curtin, R.R, Shintre, S., Gardner, A.B. (2017). Detecting adversarial samples from artifacts. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1703.00410*.
- Papernot, N., Goodfellow, I., Sheatsley, R., Feinman, R., McDaniel, P. (2016). Cleverhans v1.0.0: an adversarial machine learning library. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1610.00768*.
- Feinman, R., Echauz, J., Gardner, A.B. (2016). Systems and methods for trichotomous malware classification. *US Patent App. No.* 15/356,526.
- Feinman, R., Gardner, A.B., Parikh, J. (2016). Efficient feature selection. *US Patent App. No.* 15/282.645.
- Feinman, R., Parikh, J. (2016). Systems and methods for detecting malware based on event dependencies. *US Patent App. No. 15/188,950*.

Honors &

- Henry Mitchell McCracken Award, NYU GSAS, September 2017
- Awards:
- CTO Recognition Award, Symantec Corporation, May 2016
- Sigma Xi Honor Society, Brown Chapter Sigma Xi, May 2015
- Concentration Honors, Brown University, May 2015

Press:

- R&D featured in Security Week article "Symantec Adds Machine Learning to Endpoint Security Lineup." http://www.securityweek.com/symantec-adds-machine-learning-endpoint-security-lineup
- R&D featured in eWeek article "Symantec Adds Deep Learning to Anti-Malware Tools to detect Zero-Days." http://www.eweek.com/security/symantec-adds-deep-learning-to-anti-malware-tools-to-detect-zero-days