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Education: M.S. Computer Science (2018); B.A. Mathematics (2018), The University of Chicago, GPA: 3.66

Extracurricular Academic Work:

- University of Chicago Mathematics Directed Reading Program – Fall 2015: Representation Theory of Finite Groups: Random Walks on Finite Groups. Presented the results in January of 2016
- Independent Reading: Professor Shmuel Weinberger – Summer 2018: Discussed discrepancy theory as it relates to sampling techniques

Experience:

- **April 2021 – Present: HuggingFace BigScience Summer of Language Models**
 - Yearlong research workshop on very large language models (LLMs) with the aim of creating and researching a multilingual LLM
 - Member of and contributor to working groups on Modeling (Architecture and Scaling), Evaluation, and Interpretability
- **January 2019 – Present: Charles River Analytics**
Software Engineer II (May 2020 – Present); Software Engineer I (January 2019 – May 2020)
 - Developing probabilistic supply chain models in **Pyro** to infer the existence of missing nodes
 - Implemented a multi-resolution Bayesian time series model for real-time maintenance of the condition of complex machinery at coarse and fine time scales
 - Utilized copulas to model dependences between univariate distributions for a Monte-Carlo model that computed the relative cost of uncertainties
 - Implemented a Multi-Objective Monte Carlo Tree Search algorithm in Scala for repair schedule optimization
 - Used the **Figaro** probabilistic programming language to model satellite movements
- **September 2018 – January 2019: Infinite Analytics**
Data Scientist
 - Reduced latency of **Spark** computations, implemented in Scala, by ~25%
 - Evaluated and implemented algorithms for dimensionality reduction of large (~ 300,000 x 7 million), sparse, binary matrices
 - Optimized word embeddings to improve search results for customer search engines
- **June – August 2018: Deep Skies Lab**
Research Assistant
 - Generating simulations of strongly lensed galaxies to train new neural networks in a high performance computing environment using the **Lenstronomy** Python package along with **Keras**

Technical Skills:

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| • Python , (Pandas, Numpy, Pytorch, Tensorflow, etc.) | • Julia |
| • Scala | • SQL |
| • Javascript (including Node.js) | • MATLAB |

Projects:

- **Multi-Word Expression Identification (2018)**
 - Worked on developing a language independent method to identify multi-word expressions
- **Backtranslations for Contranymy (2021)**
 - Explored the results of backtranslating works with contradictory meanings, especially in a legal or political context) using off the shelf translations algorithms (Presented at the AfricaNLP Workshop at EACL 2021; winner of a **Best Paper Award**)
- **Google BIG Bench (<https://github.com/google/BIG-bench>) (2021)**
 - Collaborated on a set of benchmark datasets for Large Language Models to the Google BIG-Bench project related to:
 - Riddles in the Kannada language
 - Humorous edits of band and music artist names
 - Inversion of normal word order and question/answer association

Research Proposals:

- **PRESCRIPTION SBIR Proposal – 2020**
 - Wrote and developed the probabilistic modeling component to model pharmaceutical supply chains
- **EMERGENT III BAA – 2021**
 - Writing a white paper on probabilistic supply chain modeling for a Broad Agency Announcement solicitation