

SAM ACQUAVIVA

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA

Candidate for Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Cognitive Science, May 2023

- Relevant coursework: Algorithms, Signal Processing, Matrix Methods for Machine Learning, Deep Learning
- 4.8/5.0 GPA

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

John Deere

Software Engineering Intern, June 2021 – September 2021

- Developed computer vision system to identify corn kernels in a noisy production environment
- Modeled and used reinforcement learning methods to automate advanced skid steer maneuvers
- Collaborated with PhD students on a daily basis to improve data collection pipeline

Cloud Canaries

Software Engineer, January 2021 – May 2021

- Created a data pipeline to robustly store large scale customer data for efficient search
- Built a forecasting system to predict Service Level Agreement compliance for various cloud computing providers

MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

Computational Cognitive Science Group Researcher, May 2020 – May 2021

- Created data collection pipeline and a novel bandit algorithm to conduct a large-scale dynamic user study
- Collected novel dataset and used collected language data to improve state-of-the-art program synthesis
- Published paper and presented at multiple conferences including AAAI, NLP4Prog, CogSci

PROJECTS

Acquacchi Chess Engine

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- Implemented alpha-beta search with many bit-level optimizations and heuristics
- Written in C and evaluates over 1.5 million positions per second

Kandula

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- Created API and app that enables anyone to customize stock-trading algorithms without programming
- Hosts a plethora of algorithms on the cloud that make real-time trades

SKILLS

Technologies: Python, C++, Javascript, Matlab, Swift, C, PyTorch, Simulink, SQL

Soft Skills: creativity, communication, collaborability, reliability

ACTIVITIES AND EXTRACURRICULARS

MIT Ethical Technology Initiative

Technology Co-Chair and Outreach Co-Chair, September 2020 – Present

MIT Track and Field and Cross Country

Athlete, September 2019 – Present

MIT Class of 2023 Class Council

Vice President, September 2019 – August 2020