SAM ACQUAVIVA

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA
Candidate for Bachelor of Science degree in Computation and Cognition, May 2023
- Relevant coursework: Machine Learning, Algorithms, Neuroscience, Computational Thinking and Data Science
- 5.0 GPA

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab (CSAIL)
Computational Cognitive Sciences Group Researcher, May 2020 – Present
- Developed data collection platform to solve the Abstraction and Reasoning Challenge--a benchmark for abstract thinking ability in programs developed by Google's François Chollet
- Created bayesian-inferential algorithm for multi-bandit, infinite-arm, best-arm-identification problem
- Orchestrated and currently carrying out a large scale Amazon Mechanical Turk Study
- Gained experience combining program-synthesis with reinforcement learning

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Newburyport
Head of Technology, May 2018 – August 2020
- Led development of website redesign, backend infrastructure, and security
- Enabled service live-streaming and secure online donations

ACTIVITIES AND EXTRACURRICULARS

MIT Class of 2023 Vice President
September 2019 – August 2020
- Worked with university administration to plan multiple class-wide events for hundreds of students

MIT Track and Field and Cross Country
September 2019 – Present
- Maintained full academic rigor while training and competing twenty hours per week, year-round

PROJECTS

Kandula
Written in Swift and Python, uses AWS Services
- Created API and app that enables anyone to create and customize stock-trading algorithms without code
- Hosts a plethora of trading algorithms on the cloud involving quantitative analysis, sentiment analysis, and GRU

Acquacchi Chess Engine
Written in C
- Expands Alpha-Beta Search with heuristics and bit-level algorithms
- Evaluates 1.5 million positions per second

Dare
Written in Swift and Objective-C, uses Google Cloud
- Social media app that revolves around completing "dares" instead of posting updates
- Data stored in NoSQL as a trial of how far non-relational data can be pushed