TUE DO (U.S. CITIZEN)

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RESEARCH STATEMENT

I am working to realize a future with data dignity. I work on developing and analyzing mechanisms and algorithms that sustain healthy participation in future data markets.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2024 - Present

M.S./Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Concurrent GPA: 4.00/4.00

• Advisor: Varun Chandrasekaran, Research in ML Security & Privacy

• Relevant Courses: Information Theory, Introduction to Optimization, Random Processes, Real Analysis

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2020 - May 2024

B.S. in Computer Science, B.S. in Mathematics (Dual Degree)

GPA: 3.96/4.00

• Chancellor's Scholar, James Scholar, Dean's List, Highest Honors (CS), High Distinction (MATH)

• Relevant Courses: Machine Learning, Systems Programming, Computer Architecture, Algorithms, Database Systems, Natural Language Processing, Data Structures, Probability and Statistics, Methods of Applied Statistics

PUBLICATIONS

MemAttack: Efficiently Attacking Memorization Scores

with Varun Chandrasekaran and Daniel Alabi

Submitted to NeurIPS 2025

Creator Hearts: Investigating the Impact Positive Signals from YouTube Creators in **Shaping Comment Section Behavior**

with Frederick Choi, Charlotte Lambert, Vinay Koshy, Sowmya Pratipati, Eshwar Chandrasekaran CHI 2025

EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

August 2024 - Present

Graduate

Urbana-Champaign, IL

- ECE 374: Introduction to Algorithms | N. Kani (FA 2024), A. Umrawal (SP 2025)
- Lecturing and leadership responsibilities working with students and course assistants

Research & Development Intern

May 2023 - September 2023

Sandia National Laboratory | Mentor: Michael DeAntonio

Remote

- Juggled large team coding projects alongside personal research project
- Resolved memory leaks in large codebase
- Developed parsing code for new research file formats
- Conducted research survey in optical machine learning methods

Software Development Intern

August 2022 - May 2023

Urbana-Champaign, IL

PrairieLearn for Theoretical Computer Science

- Developed new features and designed new theoretical computer science problems and formats
- Weekly standup meetings and partner programming responsibilities
- Full-stack development; front-end HTML/CSS, back-end Python

Misc.

- Choreographed and directed traditional lion dance for Vietnamese Student Association at UIUC
- (Very) amateur music composer
- Native proficiency in English and Vietnamese

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