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Technical Skills

Programming Languages: C, C++, GLSL, Python, Bash, Agda, Racket, ARMv8, x86, MIPS, LaTeX

Technologies/Frameworks: CUDA, Vulkan, Pytorch, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas

Developer Tools: Linux, VS Code, Visual Studio, Git, Juypter Notebook, Google Collab, Vim, JIRA

Linguistic Languages: English, Mandarin, Japanese

Education

University of Waterloo

Sep. 2021 - Apr. 2026

Bachelor of Mathematics in Computer Science

Waterloo, Canada

Work Experience

University of Waterloo, Faculty of Mathematics

Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2023

CS 246 Teaching Assistant (OOP in C++)

- Migrated CS 246 Linux testing environment from C++14 to C++20 and created Python scripts to fix code from common C++20 compiler errors
- Automated testing of assignments via **Bash** scripting, eliminating the need for handmarking
- Individually coordinated demoing and marking of the final project (> 500 students)
- Supported students by teaching weekly tutorials on object-oriented programming and C++

Core Avionics

Jan. 2023 - Apr. 2023

Embedded ML Inference Engineer

- Augmented ComputeCore $^{\top M}$, a safety-critical neural network inference engine for embedded GPUs, to support parallel inference of neural network inference graphs in **Vulkan C**
- Conducted in-depth analysis of **OpenVX** and **MIGraphX** to gain insights and inspiration for efficient implementations of neural network graph inference
- Refactored NNEF AI compiler to support multiple dependencies per node in inference graph
- Utilized A/B testing with **Python** scripting to design optimized **GLSL** shaders for **AMD E9171** embedded GPU: Local Response Normalization, Concat, addN, and maxPool2d
- Added support for AlexNet, DenseNet, ResNet, InceptionNet and Graph Neural Networks to GPU-accelerated inference engine and debugged using Pytorch

Core Avionics

May. 2022 - Aug. 2022

Embedded ML Inference Engineer

- Implemented Pytorch ONNX MobileNetV2SSDLite model in Vulkan C, resulting in contract from Airbus
- Wrote optimized GLSL shaders for deep learning inference on AMD E9171 embedded GPU: softmax, leakyReLu, convTranspose2d, padding, and various BLAS functions
- Created a GPU-profiling tool to benchmark neural network inference operations
- Researched performance optimizations of CNNs on GPUs, leading to a memory reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$

Projects

TylerFish

Pokemon ML

Dec. 2023 - Present

Neural Network Chess Engine

- Creating a chess engine that utilizes Monte Carlo Tree Search with a CNN for policy and board evaluation in C++, to be accelerated with CUDA
- Currently implementing multi-threaded bitboard move generation in C++

Sept. 2021

Deep Learning from Scratch

- Implemented CNN inference and training using only Pandas, Python and NumPy
- Utilized L2 Regularization to prevent overfitting

Professional Development (Online Courses)

DeepLearning.AI

Sep. 2021

Improving Deep Neural Networks: Hyperparameter Tuning, Regularization and Optimization

Volunteering

Mentoring the Stars

Jan. 2023 - Present