# Waylon Chang

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# **O**BJECTIVE

Highly creative, team oriented problem solver and culturally diverse leader with Bachelor's degree in Machine Learning and Economics. Offering expert data analyzing and modelling techniques, and fluent multicultural communication skills. U.S. citizen fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese.

## **EDUCATION**

University of California, San Diego **CUM GPA: 3.25** B.S. Cognitive Science Specialization in Machine Learning and Neural Computation Sep 2016 - Dec 2020 B.A. Economics Sep 2016 - Dec 2020

Music Minor

#### EXPERIENCE AND RELATED PROJECTS

#### **COVID19 Spread in San Diego**

San Diego, CA

Data Analysis Project

Summer 2020

- Conducted data mining, cleaning, and transformation onto public COVID19 datasets to extract meaningful information
- Conducted data visualization on COVID19 trends in San Diego and its comparisons to adjacent Californian Cities
- Implemented hypothesis testing to analyze the effect of reopening the economy on COVID19 cases in San Diego
- Found increase of cases after reopening the economy is statistically significant to the cases before with T-score of 13.2

#### **Russian Twitter Bot Influence on the United States**

San Diego, CA

Data Science/Analysis Project

Fall 2019

- Conducted data wrangling, cleaning, merging, and visualization on Russian Tweet Dataset with Pandas and Matplotlib
- Implemented Find-Leaning sentiment ML algorithm with SGDClassifier and obtained 93% test accuracy
- Conducted word frequency analysis and correlation analysis on Russian Tweet Bot Dataset's leftist and rightist accounts
- Concluded that it is statistically significant that rightist accounts gather more followers than leftist accounts
- Selected to be published in the Journal of Statistics Education by Bradley Voytek as distinguished research

### **Machine Learning Engineering Intern**

Nantau, Taiwan

Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.

Summer 2018

- Implemented Deep Learning algorithm DetectNet that identified contaminated semiconductors to reduce input efficiency
- Designed convolutional neural network DetectNet that identified and recognized 14 categories of semiconductor defection
- Increased processing power by optimizing parameters and lowered testing loss by 30% with Google's Inception model

**Research Intern** Nantau, Taiwan

Advanced Semiconductor Engineering, Inc.

Summer 2017

- Researched Generative Adversarial Networks' potential utilization in data generation and imagine enhancement
- Generated all 14 usable defected semiconductor pad categories through GAN with DIGITS in Caffe
- Implemented autoencoding structure to GAN to modify generated images in desired features with vector z

**Research Intern** New York City, New York

Columbia University in the City of New York

Summer 2015. Summer 2016

- Optimized Vehicular and Facial Recognition algorithms for better understanding of in depth research projects
- Trained and tested convolutional neural network on CalTech101 vehicle dataset and achieved testing loss of 0.002

#### LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

**UCSD Cottrell Lab** San Diego, CA

Member Jun 2016-June 2018

Attended weekly machine learning meetings and participated in presentations on machine learning related research

Musician's Club San Diego, CA

Vice President of Finance

Sep 2017-Jun 2018

- Created, organized, and fundraised budget for quarterly expenses for open mics, fundraisers, and community services
- Raised over 5000 dollars from various on campus associations for open mic events, yearly shows, and weekly meetings

### SKILLS

Coding Languages: Python, SQL, R, HTML, CSS, Tableau, Caffe, Java, Tensorflow 2.0, Stata, Matlab, Ableton, Linux Coding Libraries/Packages: Pandas, Regex, Matplotlib, Scipy, PyTorch, Scikit Learn, SQLite3, PostgreSQL, MySQL