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## EDUCATION

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

June 2020

- *Major:* Computer Science and Engineering (6-3), GPA: 5.0/5.0
- *Coursework:* Machine Learning (G), Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Software Engineering, Computer Systems Engineering, Stochastic Processes (G), Game Theory

## PROJECTS/EXPERIENCE

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### Synapse Technology Corporation

January 2018

*Computer Vision Engineer*

*Palo Alto, CA*

- Developed deep learning architectures to improve accuracy of Synapse's automated threat detection system deployed at security checkpoints.
- Revamped Tensorflow's object detection API to perform joint inference of dual-view x-ray images by enforcing consistency between detections of both views.

### Affinity, MIT Media Lab

Feb – Aug 2017

*Student Researcher*

- Optimized deep convolutional neural networks for virtual drug screening and discovery, by predicting binding affinities and interactions between proteins & small drug-like molecules.
- Used Tensorflow, Python, C++, and SQLite to construct an extendible, easy-to-use machine learning API for molecular geometry, complete with data, input pipes, networks, & models.

### TeensyTetris

Mar – May 2017

- Built Arduino IoT device with single and multiplayer Tetris
- Used Python and MySQL for server communication, to immediately send row clears and support ranking database. Used C/C++ to handle computations, state machine, and display.

### Pokerbots Competition

January 2017

- Constructed a poker-playing AI in a team of 3; won \$500 prize for strategy report.
- Used Java to implement Counterfactual Regret Minimization, a reinforcement learning algorithm. Applied game theory concepts and statistical analysis to optimize performance and to reduce the number of model parameters.

### MIT Poker Club

Sep 2016 – Current

*Co-president, Webmaster*

- I manage our Django-based website and teach the annual IAP Poker Theory class. I also direct tournaments, talks, and workshops about poker, trading, and probability.

## SKILLS/DISTINCTIONS

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*Skills* Python, Tensorflow, Java, C/C++, SQL, HTML, Git

*Distinctions* USA Physics Team Member

May 2015

USA Junior Math Olympiad, Honorable Mention

May 2014