YASH LALA

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EDUCATION

UCLA B.S. in Computer Science GPA: 3.782, 2018 - 2022 BASIS Independent Silicon Valley High School GPA: 3.9, 2014 - 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer Languages C, Python, Shell, Java, Go, C++, OCaml, SQL.

Software & Tools Ansible, Git, GCP, etc. Strong focus on scripting and kernel mechanisms.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

CS 118: Computer Networks
CS 134: Distributed Systems
CS 180: Algorithms
115AH: Linear Algebra
CS 143: Database Systems
CS 214: Big Data Systems

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Pringle Lab, Stanford Genetics Department

June 2017 - August 2017

Undergraduate Research Intern

· Tested for selective lectin binding to various algal species. Developed a microscopic cell image recognition+counting program for use in algal haemocytometry.

Veritas Technologies LLC

SDE Intern

June 2021 - Sept 2021

· Worked on NetBackup Flex platform. Team tasked with implementing automatic compute node discovery and assimilation over a network. Refactored internal logic: replaced session-based internode communication scheme to an Ansible+HTTP based setup; replaced product-specific software components with platform-agnostic versions.

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

bNEAT

September 2017 - May 2018

· Worked on developing an improved version of the Neuroevolution of Augmenting Topologies algorithm by recognizing and cloning distinct neural "subnets". Resulting algorithm runs through the initial learning phase faster than 'vanilla' NEAT.

Junknet: Distributed Compilation Framework

January 2021 - March 2021

· Worked on developing a distributed computing framework for a home environment. Project analyzes Makefiles and runs them in a distributed manner over available LAN devices. Network and device failures are tolerated.

GRU4RecBE: Session Based Recommendations with Features

March 2021 - June 2021

· Developed session-based recommendation system which extends the GRU4REC architecture with rich item features extracted from the pre-trained BERT architecture. Non-attentive model outperforms state-of-the-art session-based models over the benchmark MovieLens 1M and MovieLens 20M datasets. Paper accepted to AAAI Student track.