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Interested in a theoretical understanding of intelligence across humans and machines.

Weapon of choice: 🏶 (JAX / PyTorch / TensorFlow), Julia

Harvard College — CS (Mind Brain Behaviour) and Physics (Double Conc.) 2024-2028 Researching models of intuitive physics with Felix Sosa at Gershman Lab; 2025 KRANIUM fellow. Co-President of Computational Neuro Club; AI Project Lead at HUMIC; AI Safety; Mountaineering. Harrow School — Academic Scholar; School Monitor 2019-2024 1600 in SAT. 5x A*s in A-Level: Further Mathematics, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Latin. Head of Computer Science and Debating societies, Captain of Climbing, Editor of The Harrovian. Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education — Student 2018-2024 Advanced classes in Cryptography and Artificial Intelligence at Chinese University of Hong Kong. St. Paul's Co-Educational College (Hong Kong) — Full Scholarship 2018-2019 NSF AI Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions (IAIFI) at MIT — Researcher & Junior Investigator 2023-2025 Machine learning for astrophysics: "PAPERCLIP", published at COLM 2024 (see Publications). Luna Social — Startup Backend Developer (Machine Learning) 2024-2025 Built graph-neural-network-based recommendation for a social interactions startup in stealth mode. Research Science Institute (RSI) - IAIFI, MITSummer 2023 Representing Hong Kong at RSI, I investigated using vision-language models for a synthetic physics-inspired dataset, mentored by Dr Siddharth Mishra-Sharma and Professor Jesse Thaler. Global Talent Mentoring — Researcher 2021-Present Mentored by Dr Michail Alifierakis, we conducted research on low-resource machine translation using autoencoders in this selective, global 10-year STEMM mentoring program. Graph Structure of Wikipedia – for Gold CREST Award 2023-2024 Led and published research (see Publications) analysing the large-scale graph structure of Wikipedia articles to create a novel learning-path construction algorithm. Hackster.io IoT Into the Wild Contest – Helium Award 2022 Led and won prizes for Project Agouti, an AI-powered acoustic monitoring device for conservation. Project Ark, by CarbonBase — Startup Intern Easter 2021 Web development using React for a Hong Kong startup using blockchain to crowdfund conservation. S. Mishra-Sharma, Y. Song, and J. Thaler, "PAPERCLIP: Associating astronomical [1]observations and natural language with multi-modal models," in First Conference on Language Modeling, 2024. [Online]. Available: https://openreview.net/forum?id=8TdcXwfNRB. [2] Y. Song and C. H. Leung, "Large-scale analysis of wikipedia's link structure and its applications in learning path construction," in 2023 IEEE 24th International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration for Data Science (IRI), Aug. 2023, pp. 254–260. DOI: 10.1109/IRI58017.2023.00051. British Physics Olympiad — Top Gold 2023 - 24Lab42 Essay Competition on the Principles of Intelligence — Global Top 7 2023

Maclaurin Mathematical Olympiad — Top 100 in the UK2022CERN Beamline for Schools — Global Shortlist2021

EDUCATION

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