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Summary

- Founding Engineer, Agentic AI @Aurascape.ai | Previously @Amazon SageMaker
- Placed top-10 in \$1.5 million Kaggle competition sponsored by Department of Homeland Security. Designed and trained MVCNN neural net in PyTorch for threat recognition on 3D body scans. ([Slides](#))
- Authored "checkered subsampling" deep learning research paper, published PyTorch code. ([arXiv](#))
- Excellent teaching and presentation skills.

Work Experience

Aurascape.ai

Founding Engineer, Agentic AI (Feb. 2024 - Current)

- Addressing emerging security challenges with multimodal AI. Built in-house agentic systems in active use by the team and product. Presented demos, drafted patents, and helped secure \$12.8 million in seed funding.

Santa Barbara City College

Adjunct Faculty (Aug. 2023 - Dec. 2023)

- Taught in-person 16-week course on Python, machine learning, and deep learning. Labs included a "small language model" neural network trained with PyTorch on tiny-shakespeare dataset. Incorporated MoeBot, my previously built agentic AI system, as an AI teaching assistant.
- Quote from department chair: "The student evaluation ratings are the best I've ever seen out of the 12 years of evaluations packets I've signed off on..."

Moebot.ai

Entrepreneurship (2021-2023)

- Built MoeBot, a subscription-based Discord AI agent powered by a swappable LLM backend. Incorporates RAG, agent memory, tool calling, Stripe payments. Deployed to Google Cloud.
- Built various other projects such as MIDI recording tools and VST audio plugins.
- Taught a college course and incorporated MoeBot. Pursued musicianship, explored my interests.

Amazon Web Services

Deep Learning Engineer (Mar. 2020 - Dec. 2020)

- Worked with researchers to build AI at Amazon. Helped integrate Apache TVM deep learning compiler into Amazon SageMaker's PyTorch and XGBoost forks in Python and C++.

Palo Alto Networks

Senior Staff Software Engineer (Oct. 2019 - Mar. 2020)

Staff Software Engineer (Sep. 2018 - Sep. 2019)

- Awards: Project of the Quarter - Machine Learning Antivirus
- Proposed and implemented new stack-based pattern matching algorithm in C which improved threat coverage in PAN-OS firewall, resulting in higher scores on 3rd-party benchmarks.

- Solved many long-standing tickets from customers, data science, product managers, and threat research. Quote from Vice President of Engineering: "One-man army."
- Made major contributions to industry-first machine learning features - integrated inline machine learning classifiers into resource-constrained firewall in C.
- Prepared and gave presentation explaining the pattern matching system in the threat detection codebase. The presentation recording is now used to train new hires and cross-functional teams working with threat detection code.
- Brought up and helped train two junior engineers.

Projects / Publications

- [stacked-autoencoder-pytorch](#) (100+ stars) - a popular PyTorch autoencoder influenced by Hinton's 2006 "deep belief nets" paper.
- [Checkerboard CNN](#) (30+ stars) - a deep learning technique I proposed, checkerboard subsampling.
- [Passenger Screening Model](#) (20+ stars) - my top-10 solution to a \$1.5 million Kaggle challenge.
- [GauchosMap Chrome Extension](#) - 200+ users when I was maintaining it (2016).

Education

- 5-year accelerated B.S. + M.S. program @ University of California, Santa Barbara
- Master of Computer Science (2017 - 2018)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (2013 - 2017)

Miscellaneous

- 2nd-degree black belt in Taekwondo. Practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai.
- Playing and writing piano music since early childhood.
- Expert Dance Dance Revolution player.
- Ranked #1 in competitive online arena shooter.
- Languages: English (native), Farsi (native, but very rusty)