grad seminar

robotics grad seminar

4-person team

2-person team

RL with Emotive Feedback

2016

Spring

2016

Jacob Beck

EDUCATION

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Brown University	Graduate Seminars			Grade
M.S. in Computer Science	CSCI 2951X: Reintegrating AI		Α	
Class of 2020	CSCI 2951F:	Reinforcement Learning	Python	Α
4.0 GPA	CSCI 2950K:	Deep Learning	TensorFlow	Α
	CSCI 2951K:	Topics in Grounded Language for Robotics	Java	Α
B.S. in Computer Science	Select Courses			
Class of 2018	CSCI 1420:	CSCI 1420: Machine Learning Python		Α
3.83 GPA	CSCI 1951:	Introduction to Robotics	ROS	Α
	CSCI 1570:	Design and Analysis of Algorithms	Matlab	Α
	APMA 1710:	Information Theory		Α
EXPERIENCE				
Microsoft Research Research Predoc	 Wrote a paper accepted to ICLR 2020 as first author (tinyurl.com/AMRL-ICLR) Researched long-term memory in deep RL with Katja Hofmann Showed the sensitivity of modern memory approaches to stochasticity Implemented DNC and improved over it by 9% 			Spring- Summer 2019
Michael Littman's Car Lab Researcher	 Published a paper in the International Conference on Social Robotics 2019, using Stackelberg game trees (tinyurl.com/Bully-ICSR) Leading research on learning from demonstration with human feedback without exploration (early work: arxiv.org/abs/1901.05101, publicity: tinyurl.com/PubAV) Created DQN to plan actions for an autonomous car in a Unity simulator 			2017- 2019
DeepScale R&D Intern	 Created state-of-the art methods for lane instance segmentation using PyTorch Developed heuristic, cluster-based, and end-to-end approaches Made use of bilinear upsampling and shuffle net encoder to reduce FLOPS 			Fall 2018
Lyft Software Engineer Intern	 Worked on behavioral planning at the Level5 autonomous vehicle lab Simulated human agents with learnable parameters at a stop intersection in C++ Coded an MDP to find a policy for AV at a stop intersection, given the human model Created a Python MDP framework, including a special-case solver 			Summer 2018
Brown University Deep Learning TA	 Designed, taught, graded material for the graduate deep learning course CSCI 2470 Gave a lecture on implementing sequence-to-sequence translation with attention Designed a lab on recurrent neural nets including vanilla RNN's, GRU's, and LSTM's 			Fall 2017
Adobe Data Science Intern	 Improved forecasting for the Data Science Digital Marketing research team Set up the models to re-train online as new data comes in (concurrently) Improved team's prediction accuracy by 9%, with only 121 samples per model 			Summer 2017
Food with Friends Co-founder & Developer	 Co-founded, designed, and developed Food with Friends in Swift on iOS app store Implemented multithreading, Google maps API, and user management 		Summer 2016	
Pied Piper Robotics LLC Engineering Intern	 Designed, 3D printed, programmed, and wired a robot head and neck, using SketchUp and ROS 			Summer 2015
PROJECTS				
Neural Mesh	Designed. imr	olemented, and benchmarked a biologically inspi	red RNN	Spring
Lead	(project report: arxiv.org/abs/1807.11121)			2018
Drone	Built and programmed a quadcopter to do position and velocity hold with PID			Fall
Alone	controllers and optical flow, using ROS			2017
Learning Atari with ACKTR 5-person team	Implemented state-of-the-art ACKTR (Actor-Critic using Kronecker-Factored Trust Region) model to learn Atari, for an RL grad seminar			Fall 2017
GAN Image Completion	Built a GAN to	complete corrupted images in TensorFlow , for	a deep learning	Fall

Coded an agent in Minecraft using reinforcement learning and **OpenCV**, for a