

# Sadie L. Allen

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## EDUCATION

**Boston University College of Engineering and College of Arts and Sciences**

**Boston, MA**

M.S. in Computer Engineering

**May 2024**

Cumulative GPA: 3.79/4.00

B.S in Computer Engineering, B.A. in Pure and Applied Mathematics (dual degree program)

**May 2021**

Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.00

## SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Python, C, C++, Java, JavaScript, R, MATLAB

**Machine Learning & Data Science:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas

**Development & Infrastructure:** Linux, Kubernetes, AWS, GitHub

**Databases, Web, & Visualization:** MongoDB, SQL, Flask, ReactJS, D3, Vega

**Other:** Technical Communication & Presentations, Technical Writing & Documentation, Cross-functional Collaboration

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**Danfoss Power Solutions; Danfoss Innovation Accelerator, Cambridge, MA**

**June 2021 - December 2021**

*Data Science Intern*

- Developed models in Python for data-driven sales opportunity analytics including a binary classification model to predict likelihood of closing a sale and a Cox PH model to estimate time-to-close
- Extended sales opportunity model suite with partial dependency plot-based feature importance to recommend specific actions for sales managers

**IBM; TJ Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY**

**Summer 2020**

*Research Intern*

- Built a UI in JavaScript using libraries including D3, Vega, and VegaLite
- Conducted extensive literature survey and fault injection experiments on benchmark applications to gain familiarity with Kubernetes and fault diagnosis in distributed systems
- Collaborated with another intern on [Tritium](#), a cross-layer analytics system for diagnosing faults in microservices

**Boston University; PEACLab, Boston, MA**

**Spring 2019 – Spring 2021**

*Undergraduate Researcher*

- Co-developed [Praxi](#), a tool designed to aid cloud administrators to monitor software present on their systems; Praxi employs a machine learning model to identify applications based on file system changes
- Converted Python research code to industry-ready modules, primarily coding in Python on Linux virtual machines
- Designed hands-on cloud security software [tutorial](#) presented at Middleware 2019 and extended Praxi's capabilities to [version detection](#)

**Boston University; Gardner Lab, Boston, MA**

**Summer 2018**

*Programming Assistant*

- Organized and documented a data analysis pipeline used to analyze audio and electrophysiology data from zebra finches; migrated pipeline to Github
- Merged, updated, and debugged MATLAB applications used in data processing

## PROJECTS

**[Q-Harmony](#)** (Research project)

**Fall 2023 - Spring 2024**

- Applied the Q-learning algorithm to four-part tonal harmony composition
- Designed and trained three separate reinforcement learning models for different compositional tasks
- Conducted human listening study using Amazon Mechanical Turk

**[Spotimy](#)** (Individual project)

**Spring 2022**

- Designed website enabling users to filter their playlists according to audio features from the Spotify API

- Implemented frontend in React.js; allows user to sign in to Spotify, choose a base playlist, filter playlist entries by a variety of features, then save the newly filtered playlist to their Spotify account
- Built backend in Flask; interfaces with Spotify API to get audio features and fetch/create playlists

**ContextCheck** (Group project)

**Fall 2020 - Spring 2021**

- Trained BERT-based NLP model in Pytorch on a Wikipedia edit database to detect bias in news articles
- Deployed model inference stage in a web application via Flask backend and React.js frontend
- Earned an individual award for Excellence in Senior Capstone Design for my work

**Language Usage Correction Program** (Group project)

**Spring 2020**

- Coded web scraper utilizing MapReduce algorithm to efficiently collect text data
- Processed crawled data into an adjacency list implemented as a HashMap and used it to check if given pairs of words have appeared together before to determine the likelihood of a grammatical error

**TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Boston University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**

**August 2019 – May 2024**

- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for EC330 Applied Algorithms
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for EC440 Operating Systems
- Graduate Teaching Assistant for DS340 Intro to Machine Learning and AI

**Boston University Education Resource Center**

**Fall 2018 – Spring 2019**

- Tutor (Multivariate Calculus, Differential Equations, Physics I & II)

**Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society Eta Chapter**

**Fall 2019 – Spring 2021**

- Vice President, Summer 2020 – Spring 2021

**Workshop on Machine Learning for Audio Synthesis, ICML 2022; co-organizer**

**July 2022**

**Machine Learning for Audio Workshop, NeurIPS 2023; co-organizer**

**December 2023**