Mentorship
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Mentorship is invaluable when learning a new skill especially in fields like machine learning and natural language processing where higher level mathematics such as linear algebra is an inhibiting factor in completely understanding how machine learning models and systems function.

This past week I had the opportunity to evaluate my options for mentorship through considering different factors that my cause one professional to be better than the other. In doing so, the process ensured the best possible outcome for mentorship.

One of the largest challenges faced when choosing the ideal mentor was the considering the factors that made one professional advantageous and disadvantageous in comparison to others. To overcome this, it was necessary to decide what factors to prioritize: accessibility or technical expertise. Based on the times we currently live in, I deduced that accessibility will be more helpful. In doing this, I learned one of the most important skills: smart and definitive decision-making. Through this experience, I have learned to not only make regular decisions but rather to make decisions that result in the largest chance of success while being firm in stance, both traits that are highly-valued when aiming to become an impactful leader of industry.

Reflecting for the future, while being a technical expert in the respective field is important, perhaps more important is having the necessary traits to become a leader in industry because that is how you grow as a person and develop your career as a whole. Through this experience, I was able to develop my traits in an area that is different from typical software development. However, through developing this area, I am able to keep myself diverse in all aspects while working toward something larger than working with software development my entire life.

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