Abstract: Drones hold enormous potential for consumer video, inspection, mapping, monitoring, and perhaps even delivery. They’re also natural candidates for autonomy and likely to be among the first widely-deployed systems that incorporate meaningful intelligence based on computer vision and robotics research. In this talk I’ll discuss the research we’re doing at Skydio, along with the challenges involved in building a robust robotics software system that needs to work at scale.

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