Apoorv Malik

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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages & Tools: C, C++, C#, Python, Haskell, Dart, HTML, CSS, JS, EJS, TensorFlow & Keras, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, Flask, Numpy, Pandas, Node, Express, nginx, jQuery, React, Three.js, Bootstrap, MongoDB, SQL, Docker, Flutter, Firebase, AWS, Unity, OpenGL, Figma, API Development, Git/GitHub, Linux/Bash Research & CS Interests: Computational Biology (RNA Structure Prediction), Software Development (Mobile, Desktop and Web), Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Algorithms & Theory, Computer Graphics, UI/UX

EDUCATION

Oregon State University

MS in Computer Science (GPA = 3.9)

Maharshi Dayanand University

Bachelor of Technology (BTech) in Computer Science & Engineering (CGPA = 9.2)

Corvallis, OR, USA

 $Sept.\ 2022-Present$

Rohtak, HR, India

Sept. 2016 - Sept. 2020

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (mentored by Prof. Liang Huang)

Dept. of Computer Science at Oregon State University

December 2022 – Present Corvallis, OR, USA

- Developed efficient and highly accurate prediction algorithms for RNA folding and RNA design.
- Developed a linear time algorithm for RNA alignments, supporting calculations for partition function, base pairing probabilities, secondary structure predictions (MFE, MEA, Threshknot), and stochastic sampling of structures.
- Developed <u>7 web servers</u> to host various RNA algorithms, enhancing the accessibility of our scientific tools.

Teaching Assistant (Algorithms and Theory of Computation)

 $March\ 2023-Present$

Dept. of Computer Science at Oregon State University

Corvallis, OR, USA

- Taught key concepts in Algorithms and Theory of Computation, including Complexity Analysis, Divide & Conquer strategies, Greedy & Graph Algorithms, Dynamic Programming, Grammar, and Turing Machines.
- Graded assignments and exams, providing constructive feedback to over 300 students and collaborated closely with the course professor/instructor to design and modify course materials and assignments.
- Regularly held office hours to address individual student's questions and maintained effective communication.

Software Development and Machine Learning Engineer

January 2020 - August 2022

Twyn (Previously Known as Marj Technologies)

Noida, UP, India

- Developed 3 IoT-based Industrial Automation and Quality Control applications for Non-Contact Dimensional & Quality Inspection, OCR, Parameter-based PA check, Object Classification, and Bar & QR code scanning.
- Contributed to the startup's seed funding of \$328K and helped achieve a valuation of \$3.7M by completing 4 projects for multiple clients of Marj (Ask Fras le Friction, Minda Group, Samsung India, and JBM).
- Interviewed 30+ job applicants for AI & Software Development positions and further built & managed the core team of 8 developers for product development. Implemented agile development methodologies, such as Scrum, to improve team efficiency.
- Led cross-functional teams of developers to deliver software projects on time and within budget, provided mentorship to 3 junior developers to improve their skills.

Publications/Preprints

- Apoorv Malik, Liang Zhang, Ning Dai, Sizhen Li, He Zhang, David Mathews, and Liang Huang (2024). LinearAlifold: Linear-Time Consensus Structure Prediction for RNA Alignments. Journal of Molecular Biology (JMB) Special Issue on Computation Resources for Molecular Biology. (Publication Link)
- Tianshuo Zhou, **Apoorv Malik**, Wei Yu Tang, Liang Huang. Scalable and Interpretable Identification of Minimal Undesignable RNA Structure Motifs with Rotational Invariance. To appear in RECOMB 2025. (arXiv Link)
- Sizhen Li, **Apoorv Malik**, Ning Dai, He Zhang, David H. Mathews, and Liang Huang. LinearSankoff: Linear-time Simultaneous Folding and Alignment of RNA Homologs. In submission to NAR Journal. (arXiv Link)
- Liang Huang, Otso Barron, **Apoorv Malik**, Sizhen Li, David H. Mathews. Lazy Outside and Lazy Backward Algorithms. ISMB 2024 (International Society for Computational Biology).

Motifs | Web Server Link | arXiv Link

December 2024

- Developed a full-stack web app to maintain database of unique minimal undesignable RNA structures and motifs.
- Users can explore, visualize, analyze, and identify undesignable motifs in existing and new RNA structures.
- Frontend built with React, backend powered by Flask and Express, with MongoDB for data storage.
- Deployed using Docker and Nginx for scalability and performance.

Linear Alifold | Web Server Link | GitHub Link | Publication Link

November 2023

- Developed a dynamic programming algorithm for RNA alignments' linear-time consensus structure prediction. It
 incorporates beam pruning (for enhanced computational efficiency), multiple energy parameters, and various
 computational modes.
- Enabled computation of the partition function and base pairing probabilities, with added support for predicting Maximum Expected Accuracy (MEA), Minimum Free Energy (MFE), and Threshknot structures. Additionally, implemented a mode for the Stochastic Sampling of Secondary Structures.
- Developed a web server for providing users the ability to input their own sequences and perform various functions, thereby enhancing practical applications of the tool.

Google Explore ML DSC Facilitator | Certificate Link

April 2020

- Conducted five workshops on machine learning, introducing core concepts and practical applications.
- Facilitated as part of the Google-sponsored Explore ML program, enhancing machine learning awareness among university students.

Computer Vision Project for Ask Fras-Le Friction Pvt. Ltd.

May 2022

- Automated part of the quality control and inspection process by developing a vision-based application for dimensional analysis and classification of brake liners in an industrial setting.
- Utilized multiple vision cameras for real-time measurement and quality assessment.

Machine Learning Engineer Capstone Project | GitHub Link

July 2019

- Developed a Deep Q-Learning (Reinforcement Learning) algorithm enabling an AI agent to master and significantly beat human players in the game of Atari Breakout.
- The AI agent discovered innovative strategies for high scoring, demonstrating the effectiveness of the implemented learning techniques and algorithmic intelligence.

Chess Game Development | Demo Link | GitHub Link

March 2022

- Programmed a chess game from scratch in Flutter & C++, focusing on efficient move generation using bitboards.
- Implemented advanced game features, including an AI opponent using the NegaMax algorithm and online multiplayer capabilities.

Teachable Image Classifier | GitHub Link

January 2022

- Created a app for non-experts to train deep learning models, enabling class creation and image sample addition.
- Designed with adjustable training parameters, making deep learning accessible and customizable for various needs.

Vedic Life Foundation App Development

September 2021

- Developed a comprehensive mobile application for meditation teaching, member enrollment, and session tracking, compatible with both iOS and Android platforms.
- Included social media features for community engagement, allowing users to share thoughts, ask questions, and track meditation progress.

CERTIFICATIONS

2021 Flutter Development Bootcamp | Certificate Link

January 2022

- Mastered Flutter and Dart for cross-platform app development, UI design, and state management techniques.
- Developed skills in API integration, Firebase services, animations, and deploying production-ready mobile apps.

Udacity - Artificial Intelligence Nanodegree | Certificate Link | GitHub Link

June 2020

- Learned AI techniques including classical search, constraint satisfaction problems, and local search optimization.
- Gained experience in adversarial search (Minimax, Monte Carlo Tree Search) and probabilistic reasoning with Hidden Markov Models.

Udacity - Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree | Certificate Link | GitHub Link

August 2019

- Mastered supervised (Regression, KNN, Random Forest, SVM) and unsupervised learning (Clustering, GMM)
- Gained proficiency in data preprocessing, including data cleaning, normalization, feature engineering, and applied PCA for high-dimensional datasets.
- Developed expertise in Deep Learning (CNNs) for image classification and Reinforcement Learning (Q-Learning, DQN, Actor-Critic, DDPG) for autonomous decision-making in complex environments.