Ankur Singh

Summary

AI Solutions Engineer with **7 YoE** (5 industry & 2 academia) delivering production-grade AI solutions by translating SOTA research into business impact. Specialized in **LLMs**, **VLMS**, and **inference optimization** with strong **full-stack** skills. Proven track record of **leading ML teams**, **founding a startup**, and rapidly shipping high-impact ML products in **fast-paced**, ambiguous environments. **Kaggle Competitions** and **hackathon** winner, and open-source contributor

Technologies

Languages: Python, SQL, JavaScript | ML/AI: PyTorch, HF Transformers, DeepSpeed, OpenAI Triton, Lightning, vLLM | Data: Ray, Spark, Postgres, MongoDB, Elasticsearch | Backend: FastAPI, Django, REST, gRPC | Cloud: AWS, GCP | DevOps: Docker, K8s, CI/CD | LLMs: Post-Training(SFT, LoRA, DPO, RLHF, Distillation), Quantization, Inference

Experience

AI Solutions Engineer, Intel – Santa Clara, CA

May 2023 - Present

- Accelerate GenAI model performance by up to 3x through profiling and optimizing PyTorch workloads including distributed training, PeFT, quantization, and inference using Intel's oneAPI stack and latest hardware (Xeon, AI PC)
- Drove adoption of Intel hardware for LLM workloads by designing and maintaining end-to-end GenAI code samples and tutorials, enabling developers to deploy optimized inference pipelines across AI PCs, OpenShift clusters and AWS

Graduate Research Asst., SJSU Research Foundation - San Jose, CA

Sep 2022 - May 2024

- Enabled real-time edge inference by optimizing YOLOv8 for object detection and segmentation on NVIDIA Jetson (latency ≈ 150 ms), supporting autonomous driving use-case
- Pioneered a Decentralized Traffic Flow Prediction system using Federated Learning, improving privacy preserving forecasting across nodes, published in *IEEE* ③)

Machine Learning (ML) Lead, Zoop.One – Pune, India

Sep 2021 – July 2022

- Saved \$1M+ annually by leading the design and deployment of 4 core ML microservices housing 20+ deep learning models; scaled system to serve over 2M monthly requests through a modular, cloud-native architecture
- **Delivered industry-leading OCR pipeline** (7+ CV models) for ID card parsing with **6**× **faster response time** (≈**1s**) and superior layout-aware accuracy—beating commercial APIs in both latency and precision
- Built a real-time liveliness detection service with face recognition, matching, eye tracking, and spoof detection; achieved **sub-200ms latency**, strengthening anti-fraud protection across customer onboarding workflows

CoFounder and CEO, AI Adventures - Pune, India

Aug 2018 – Sep 202

• Delivered automation solutions saving 100+ manual hours/week by leading development of diverse ML projects, including image-based product search, receipt digitization, and visual defect inspection for enterprise clients

Projects / Open-Source / Competitions

Snapjobs - *AI Platform for job seekers*

- **Scraped and indexed 20K+ job listings** from 1,000+ companies using Ray and LLM-based extraction; enabled semantic search with Elasticsearch
- Fine-tuned and deployed LLaMA2-7B to generate personalized resumes, enhancing relevance and job targeting

OPEN SOURCE

- Contributed to high-impact, PyTorch native ML libraries including torchtune(LLM post-training) and fast.ai
- Authored Python packages *Colab-everything* (40K+ downloads) & *torchserve-client*, simplifying workflows for ML prototyping and model inference

COMPETITIONS

- Grand Prize Winner, AI for Social Good hackathon @ Intel Innovation 2022
- 3x Kaggle Bronze Medalist Shopee: Price Match Guarantee, Global Wheat Detection, and MoA Kaggle competition

Education

San Jose State University, MS in Software Engineering
College of Engineering Pune (COEP), BS in Information Technology

Aug 2022 - May 2024 (3.9/4.0)

Aug 2014 - May 2018 (7.7/10)