Permanent Address: 41216 Lenah Point Drive Aldie, Virginia, 20105

Aleesha Khurram

wma9tt@virginia.edu 571-528-3843 Current Address: 852 W Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22903

Education

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA Computer Science (BACS)

August 2022 - Present

• GPA: 3.861/4.000

- Relevant course work: CS 2100, CS 2120, CS 2130, CS 3100, CS 3120, CS 3130, CS 3140, CS 4710, MATH 3100, MATH 3250, MATH 3351, MATH 3354
- Coursework in progress: MATH 3110, MATH 4110, MATH 4651, MATH 4652, STAT 3120

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, VA High School Diploma

August 2018 - May 2022

- GPA: 4.40 / 4.00
- Relevant Coursework: AP Computer Science, AP Calculus BC, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Concrete Mathematics, Probability Theory, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Independent Research in Computer Science
- · Conducted independent research to improve neural network accuracy using pixel saliency heat maps

Work Experience

$\textbf{University of Virginia, Computer Science Department,} \ \textbf{Charlottesville, Virginia}$

April 2025 - Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

• Investigating the applications of in-context reinforcement learning to autonomous driving under Professor Rohan Chandra.

University of Virginia, Computer Science Department, Charlottesville, Virginia

August 2024 - Present

Discrete Mathematics Teaching Assistant

- Graded coursework and hosted office hours to assist students with questions and project guidance.
- Reviewed prototype presentations, offering constructive feedback to support students' design and usability improvements.

University of Virginia, Applied Mathematics Department, Charlottesville, Virginia

August 2024 - Present

Calculus II Teaching Assistant

- Led discussion sessions and provided individualized student support to reinforce advanced calculus concepts.
- Collaborated with faculty and students to enhance course materials, ensuring consistent and effective teaching methods.

Mathesis Technology LLC, Charlottesville, Virginia

April 2024 - Present

Contractor

• Created tools for a start-up to enhance mathematical pedagogy targeted to university students under the guidance of Dr. Matthew McMillan. Received support from the College of Engineering in the University of Virginia.

Novateur Research Solutions, Ashburn, Virginia

June 2024 - August 2024

Research Intern

• Optimized a Graph Neural Network to detect Money-Laundering under the mentorship of Dr. Zeeshan Rasheed. Gained experience with state of the art machine learning libraries, namely PyTorch Geometric.

Novateur Research Solutions, Ashburn, Virginia

June 2023 - August 2023

Research Intern

- Created deep-learning models for automated analysis of Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Imagery under the mentorship of Dr. Jonathan Amazon. Worked with state of the art computer vision models such as ResNet.
- Researched large language models training specifically for the field of geology and mineralogy in August 2023

Activities

Optimizing Multiagent Search Algorithms

November 2024 - Present

• Currently researching search algorithms (primarily A*) and methods to optimize for multiagent settings, such as autonomous vehicles and video-game AIs.

Reinforcement Learning AI to Optimize Grid World Problems

November 2024

• Researched reinforcement learning methods and implemented a Q-Learning pacman agent to traverse challenging grid world problems.

Otsu Binarization

December 2023

• Researched the relationship between the Otsu Binarization algorithm and k-means. Applied Scikit-Learn for data analysis and implementation of Otsu Binarization and enhanced it for "noisier" images

Cubism GAN September 2023

• Researched generative adversarial networks and coded an ML network in Python to change the style of images to any art style.

Pixel Saliency Heat Maps to Explain Black Box Models

June 2022

• Researched the reason behind a convolutional neural network's decision making and implemented heat maps to improve both the explainability and accuracy of a black box CNN

Skills

- Technical: MATLAB experience, Microsoft Office Suite, LaTeX, SQLite, Hibernate
- · Coding: C, C++, Python, Java, JavaScript, PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, Keras, Pandas
- Languages: English (Native), Urdu/Hindi (Native), French (Proficient), Russian (Proficient), Italian (Proficient), Korean (Proficient), Japanese (Proficient), German (Proficient)