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## Summary

Data Science student with a GPA of 3.89/4 and a strong foundation in machine learning, and software engineering. Proven ability to quickly adapt and implement complex solutions through internships at startups like MarkovAI and Headstarter, where I reduced load times by 40% and built AI-driven solutions from the ground up. Proficient in Python, C++, and cloud platforms like AWS, with a demonstrated capability to rapidly learn new technologies and contribute effectively to projects.

#### Education

### **University Of Science**

Sep. 2022 - May 2026

Bachelor of Data Science - GPA: 3.89/4

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

• Relevant Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms (C++), Object-oriented programming (C++), Data Analysis, Probability and Statistics, Introduction to Data Science, Pattern Recognition.

#### Technical Skills & Certifications

Skills:C++, Typescript, Python, Pytorch, Tensorflow, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, MySql, Node.js, React.js, Express.js, Docker, Bash, Git/GitHub, HTML5/CSS3.

Cloud Computing: AWS (CloudFormation, Lambda, S3, EC2, CloudFront, Route 53).

Certifications: 3rd Runner-Up, Heading for the Future Project: Data Analysis (South Region); IELTS 7.0.

#### **Experience**

# **Software Engineer Intern**

February 2024 - September 2024

MarkovAI - Start up | Python, Next.js, Appwrite SDK, Docker

Remote - San Francisco, CA

- Implemented an advanced file upload feature by configuring and optimizing hooks using the Appwrite SDK, efficiently handling file errors with the database, resulting in a 30% reduction in upload errors.
- Reduced page load times by over 40% by applying lazy loading techniques with Next.is, optimizing resource loading and improving performance.
- Developed a responsive mobile web version, enhancing user experience across devices and mobile traffic by 35%.

#### **Software Engineering Fellow**

July 2024 - September 2024

Headstarter | Python, Rust, Node.js, Next.js, EC2, Pinecone, Generative Al

Remote - New York, NY

- Built Al customer ChatBot from 0 to 1 with a team of 4, leveraging React.js, Next.js, OpenAl, and AWS.
- Contributed to the Biome (14k stars) open-source project with a team of 4 by converting GraphQL files to Abstract Syntax Trees, detecting errors with GraphAL-ESLint, and writing comprehensive Rust function tests for syntax error detection.

#### **Webacy Remote Extern**

June 2024 - July 2024

Extern | Python

Remote - New York, NY

- Conducted detailed analysis and labeling of over 30 smart contract vulnerabilities by inspecting vulnerable accounts.
- Validated peers' data labels through collaborative reviews, ensuring an accuracy and reliability rate of 95% across the dataset.
- Performed frequency and correlation analysis on risk tags using Python and hierarchical clustering, identifying the top 10 most prevalent vulnerabilities.

#### **Projects**

# Flood Water Segmentation Using U-Net | Python, TensorFlow, Matplotlib

GitHub

- Developed a U-Net model for segmenting water regions in flood-affected areas using a dataset of 274 annotated images.
- Implemented data augmentation techniques (random flips, rotations, zooms) to improve the model's generalization.
- Achieved a validation accuracy of 79.12% and validation loss of 0.3967 with a combination of binary cross-entropy and dice loss.
- Visualized segmentation maps and training curves to analyze model performance over time.

#### **Clustering and Dimensionality Reduction** | *Python, Scikit-learn, PyTorch*

**GitHub** 

- Analyzed the Vehicle Silhouettes dataset using PCA, Kernel PCA, and autoencoders, capturing up to 79.72% variance.
- Developed a PCA-inspired Autoencoder with orthogonality constraints, achieving a 57.30% explained variance ratio.
- Applied the EM algorithm with various initializations (K-Means, Random, Hierarchical) and achieved ARI scores up to 0.86.

# **COVID-19 Sentiment Analyzer** | Python, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib

GitHub

- Collected and analyzed over 10,000 tweets related to COVID-19 to gauge public sentiment.
- Implemented data preprocessing techniques to clean and prepare the dataset, reducing noise by 25%.
- Developed sentiment analysis models (Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, SVM) achieving an accuracy of up to 86%.
- Visualized results using Matplotlib, including sentiment distribution over time and word clouds, providing insights into public opinion trends.