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EDUCATION

Duke University

Master of Engineering, Artificial Intelligence (GPA 3.9/4.0)

Aug. 2024 – Dec. 2025

Related Courses: Deep Learning Applications, Large Language Model for Generative AI, AI on Edge Devices, Explainable AI, Modeling Process & Algorithms, ML/AI Ops, Sourcing Data for Analytics

The University of Hong Kong

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science & Actuarial Science

Sep. 2019 – Jul. 2024

Related Courses: Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Database Management Systems (RDBMS), Data Structure and Algorithms

GENERATIVE AI & LLM PROJECTS

AI Agent for Campus Information

May. 2025

- Built a conversational AI agent for Duke University using the LangGraph framework to handle complex, multi-step user queries.
- Integrated a suite of tools including web scraping for dynamic content, Tavily for advanced web search, and API calls for accessing structured campus data.
- Result: Achieved high user satisfaction in evaluations, with human judges rating accuracy 4.5/5 and relevance 4.9/5.

RAG System for Financial Analysis

Apr. 2025

- Developed a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) system enabling real-time querying of fresh financial data, overcoming the knowledge cutoff limitations of standard LLMs.
- Integrated Pinecone as a vector database for efficient semantic search, utilized OpenAI APIs for text generation, and built an interactive user interface with Streamlit.

LLM Fine-Tuning for Advanced Text-to-SQL

Mar. 2025

- Fine-tuned a DeepSeek model on the BIRD dataset using Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) to significantly enhance its SQL generation capabilities for complex queries.
- Leveraged Unsloth to optimize memory efficiency during training, enabling faster iteration and model development.
- Result: Improved execution accuracy by 50% on simple queries while maintaining performance on medium-difficulty queries compared to the base model.

Flashback: AI Memory Augmentation System | Education Track Winner

Dec. 2024

- Engineered an AI system on Raspberry Pi using Large Vision Language Models (VLMs) to capture, process, and retrieve user experiences through natural language queries.
- Architected a full-stack solution integrating hardware data capture, a cloud-based processing pipeline, and a multimodal LLM interface for contextual memory recall.

INTERN EXPERIENCE

Blue Insurance, Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Hong Kong

Dec. 2022 – Jun. 2023

- Engineered a Python web scraping pipeline to collect and clean bond yield data, creating a reliable dataset for time-series forecasting models and reducing data collection time by 80%.
- Developed a custom Python tool using a binomial-tree algorithm to translate and validate complex financial models, enabling 50% faster parallel replication of a core risk algorithm.
- Built data automation scripts in Python to preprocess and structure raw data for machine learning inputs, improving the efficiency of valuation and reporting workflows.

Manulife Financial, Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Hong Kong

Jul. 2021 – Jan. 2022

- Designed and deployed a Python automation pipeline for tracking COVID-19 severity, processing web data to generate structured datasets for predictive analysis and improving data availability tenfold.
- Analyzed product performance and risk data across multiple business units to identify key features and trends, presenting data-driven insights to inform risk management strategies.

SKILLS

- Programming & Tools:** Python, SQL, Java, C++, Git, Docker, Streamlit, Raspberry Pi, CI/CD
- Generative AI & LLM:** RAG, LLM Fine-Tuning (LoRA, QLoRA), AI Agents, LangGraph, NLP, Vector Databases (Pinecone), Transformers, Hugging Face, Unsloth, OpenAI API, Open Source LLMs (Llama, Mistral, Qwen models), Vision Language Models
- Machine Learning:** PyTorch, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, Computer Vision (YOLOv8), Time-Series Forecasting
- Development & Cloud:** AWS, GCP, Amazon SageMaker, Terraform, Kubernetes, Apache Spark, Hadoop, Docker, HPC, Flask