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Machine Learning & Cloud

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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, MASc, Operations Research (Machine Learning)

2023 - 2024

- Thesis: Tuning medical-focused LLM and ViT models with multimodal clinical data for lung cancer treatment planning
- GPA 4.0 / 4.0 | Coursework: Large Language Models, Cloud Data Eng. (Spark, AWS), Deep Learning Theory

University of Waterloo, BASc, Systems Design Engineering

2018 - 2023

• GPA 3.7 / 4.0 | Coursework: Intro. Deep Learning, Intro. Machine Learning, Pattern Recognition, Neuroscience

EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Researcher | University Health Network

Full Time - MAY 2023 - PRESENT

- Authored 'LungSAM', 3D lung segmentation system integrating meta-SAM foundational model achieving 90% DiceC
- Training novel medical multi-modal LLM (vision/text) for cancer treatment via analysis of lung-CT images + clinical notes
- Features LoRA finetuning, cross-attention for token alignment between modalities, optimized FLOP utilization

Machine Learning Engineer | Advanced Micro Devices

Internship - SEPT. 2022 - APRIL. 2023

- Accelerated LLM inference on AMD CPUs with ZenDNN, applying model compression with pruning and quantization
- Architected a scalable, distributed ML training pipeline with Spark + Azure, handling multi-terabyte cloud datasets
- Trained and deployed BERT-based LLM for sentiment analysis with Few-Shot learning, with 80% latency improvement

Deep Learning Developer | Apple (former DarwinAl)

Internship - JAN. 2022 - APRIL. 2022

- Delivered a CNN based Liver Fibrosis diagnosis model to Pfizer team, reducing examination time for clinicians by 40%
- Produced a highly sensitive and generalized model using custom data augmentations and multi-GPU training (DDP)
- · Collaborated with customers to translate requirements into scalable deep learning solutions deployed on edge devices

Deep Learning Developer | Applied Brain Research

Internship - MAY. 2021 - AUG. 2021

- Engineered entire lifecycle for a drone object-detection model to identify surface defects on complex structures
- Built Unreal Engine 4 simulation to synthetically generate 50,000 annotated images to overcome lack of real-world data
- Achieved 94% YOLOv3 accuracy using CNN-LSTM model to track temporal data in video frames

Other Internships (12 months) Data Engineer. (2020) Android Developer. (2020) QA Developer. (2019)

RESEARCH // PROJECTS

Machine Learning Lead | Livy Education Chatbot Team

JAN 2024 - PRESENT

- Built an assignment research tool as chatbot for Canvas students, integrating GPT-4, RAG, web search in LangChain
- User queries return highly relevant course materials with inline citations, providing informed ideas for assignments
- Optimizes content relevancy through RAG reranking, utilizing a Chroma vector database and fine-tuned embeddings

Information Bottleneck Attribution for CNNs and Transformers | University of Toronto

2024

• Developed **attribution** library for better deep learning **interpretability**, demystifying decision-making in CNNs and Transformer models using Information Bottleneck Theory, which identifies critical information for transparent decisions

Advanced Detection of Parkinson's Freezing of Gait | University of Waterloo

2023

Introduced a novel time-series InceptionTime model (time-series CNN) for the early detection of Freezing of Gait (FOG)
in Parkinson's patients, analyzing biometric data (EMG, ECG) for fall forecasting with 94% testing accuracy

Enhanced Robotic Grasping with Adapted PointNet | UW Vision and Image Processing Lab

2022

• Enhancing robotic arm grasp capabilities, adapted custom PointNet deep learning models to develop a 3D computer vision system capable of identifying optimal grasp points from LiDAR camera, demonstrating an 81% grasp success rate