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Objective

I'm driven by the strong desire to work on the development of innovative and revolutionizing machine learning algorithms, especially those that have the promise to improve the power-efficiency of AI models.

Education

Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence

2024-2026

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY

- Fully Funded by US Dept. of State under Fulbright Scholarship

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

2017-2021

University of Narowal

Narowal, Pakistan

- Graduated as the Topper of Computer Science Class of 2021

Work Experience

Software Development Engineer AI/ML

May 2025 - Aug 2025

Amazon Web Services

Palo Alto, California

- Engineered critical AWS Spark testing modules to achieve feature parity between a new internal benchmarking tool and its legacy predecessor and exceeded project scope by proactively developing and implementing novel features, significantly enhancing the tool's capabilities and earning commendation from team leadership.

Open Source Developer

May 2022 - Aug 2024

Self Employed

Pakistan

Teras (GitHub)

- Developed Teras, which is a Unified Tabular Deep Learning library built on top of Keras 3, supporting all popular Machine Learning backends, namely JAX, PyTorch and TensorFlow.
- Implemented state of the art Deep Learning architectures for Tabular data proposed by researchers, from classification, regression, to data imputation as well as synthetic data generation.

Keras

- Contributed to the development of Keras which is the most popular Deep Learning framework used by millions every day. My contribution includes the development of Beta and Binomial random sampling functions that support all Keras backends, namely JAX, PyTorch and TensorFlow.

micrograd_c (GitHub)

- Implemented Andrej Karpathy's micrograd library from scratch in C. micrograd is a basic scalar value autograd engine with a neural network library built on top that is similar to PyTorch API.

Junior Python Developer (Remote)

Feb 2023 - May 2023

Comundo

Copenhagen, Denmark

- Developed semi-supervised, robust web scrapers for energy consumption data curation from approved client sources.
- Cleaned and aggregated the scraped data to estimate CO2 emissions for clients as well as for downstream training of machine learning models for future forecasts.

Recent Projects

codriver – An efficient LLM powered contextualized code generation tool

December 2024

- Inspired by GitHub copilot, attempted to make an extremely efficient contextualized code generation tool using the Gemma family of LLMs open sourced by Google Deepmind.
- Developed a custom Gemma 260M variant and used knowledge distillation first utilizing Gemma 2 2b and then CodeGemma 2b as teacher models, using text and code datasets respectively for the model to learn lexical as well as code structure.

Others

Achievements: Fulbright Scholar. Kaggle Expert.

Certificates: Harvard University's CS50X.