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EDUCATION

Cornell Tech (Cornell University), New York, NY May 2025
Dual MSc in Information Science and Information System | GPA: 4.0

- **Honors/Awards:** Cornell Merit-Scholarship
- **Relevant Courses:** Machine Learning Engineering, Algorithm & Data Structure, NLP, Building Software, Applied Data Science

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China Jun 2023

BEng in Industrial Engineering

- **Honors/Awards:** government merit-based scholarship (1 of 15 recipients state-wide, 2021)
- **Relevant Courses:** Machine Learning & Big Data, Intelligent Engineering System, Statistics & Probability, Operations Research

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Coding Language: Python, SQL, HTML, CSS, R, JavaScript, Hadoop, Spark, C, C++
Other Tools: Huggingface, Git, Pytorch, Langchain, LlamaIndex, PgSQL, Scikit-Learn, React, MongoDB

EXPERIENCE

Echo3D, Software Engineer Intern, New York, NY Jun 2024 – Present

- Resolved element access issues in **Angular** components by implementing lifecycle hooks and null checks to ensure proper initialization and reference of DOM elements.
- Refined auto-email update feature by adding new email alert triggers to multiple events.

4149AI, AI Engineer Intern, New York, NY Dec 2023 – Jun 2024

- Developed and published 7 core hypertasking blueprints for zoom meeting and slack channel using **prompt engineering**.
- Built in-house **GraphRAG** query tool with Docker, NebulaGraph, LlamaIndex on linux system.
- Collaborated with **3** prioritized clients and developed **12** client-specific task blueprints, increased client engagement rate by **33%**.

Bytedance, Product Management Intern, Beijing, China Mar 2022 – Aug 2022

- Conducted user profiling on 6 competitors through **200+ user surveys**, concluded **4 general user habits**, finalized UGC toolkit logic and user interface design, achieving **6,000+** monthly active creator within a month.
- Co-lead 31 expert interviews, compiled 7 feature trends, ideated 15 content ideas, 3 were adopted and launched with the product.
- Synthesized investment thesis, competitor analysis, and product performance evaluation into the internal pitchbook, resulting in a long-term collaboration and introduction of a leading VR UGC platform onto Pico ecosystem.

PROJECTS

NLP - Generative AI SQL Queries | Python, Hugging Face, PyTorch, Weights & Biases Apr 2024 – May 2024
LLM and Transformer models for flight database SQL generation

- **Fine-tuned a T5 encoder-decoder** transformer to write valid SQL commands from natural language instructions.
- Prompt engineered **Gemma 1.1 2B** by providing instructions including the database schema and in-context learning with k-shots.

NLP – Sentiment and Newsgroup Classification | Python, PyTorch Dec 2023 – Jan 2024

Full lifecycle (data extraction, featurization, model architecting, and training) NLP sentiment analysis and classification project

- Fine-tuned MLP architecture, hyper-parameters, and features, including regularization in dropout, weight decay, and batch norm.
- Used data-driven insights to fuel featurization techniques including n-grams, BOW, TF-IDF, word stemming, negation handling, and custom punctuation-based tokenization.

LLM - RepoRover | Python, Langchain, OpenAI, FAISS, Streamlit | [\[Deployed App\]](#) Dec 2023 – Jan 2024

Developer tool capable of helping users understand GitHub repositories with chat assistant built on top of GPT-3.5 Turbo

- Built and deployed a chatbot for opensource repositories using streamlit with OpenAI's **GPT-3.5 turbo**.
- Implemented **retrieval augmented generation (RAG)** using **LangChain** and **FAISS** by chunking file structure and file content.
- Incorporate **prompt engineering** to complement RAG output for narrowing query scope, enhancing response precision by **20%**.

Machine Learning – MiniTorch | Python, NumPy, Numba, CUDA | [\[link\]](#) Aug 2023 – Dec 2023

Full re-implementation of the deep learning framework PyTorch

- Optimized performance of back-end operations by adding **parallelization** and GPU compatibility using **CUDA** and **Numba**.
- Implemented Tensor auto-differentiation through topological sort on computation graph and chain rule backpropagation.
- Built and trained CNN including base modules to perform sentiment analysis and image classification.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

OSS Hackathon – Cal.com (Typescript), New York, NY Nov 2023

- Contributed to Cal.com by integrating Sentry into their typescript tech stack, **pull request merged** to Cal.com and received bounty.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (Native), Mandarin (Native), German (Fluent)

Hobbies: Basketball: Tsinghua Dept. Team Captain, Winner of state-wide high school league 2018, Shanghai Junior NBA Most Improved Player 2019; Football: Team Captain 2019; Piano: Level 10 Certification from Shanghai Conservatory of Music