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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, Java, JavaScript, SQL, HTML, CSS, R, Hadoop, Spark, C, C++

Other Tools:

Huggingface, Git, Pytorch, Langchain, LlamaIndex, PgSQL, Scikit-Learn, React, MongoDB

EXPERIENCE

Echo3D, Software Engineer Intern, New York, USA

May 2024-Aug 2024

- Designed and built a comprehensive notification system using **AWS** Notification service for new product iteration, including user notification setting and sidebar in the **Angular TypeScript**, and Servlet and Manager in the **Java**, enhancing user control.
- Integrated and optimize new console item event trigger logic using conditional propagation, reducing latency by 400%.
- Refined auto-email update feature by adding new email alert triggers to multiple events.
- Rectified over **7 hot-fix tickets** within frontend and backend services, including API response format irregularities, content display bugs, etc., ensuring a smoother user experience and a more reliable application.

Showcse, Cofounder, New York, USA

Mar 2024 - Present

- Building influencer marketing platform using Nextis and Firebase, serving 3 clients and 100+ influencers with 2k MRR.
- Selected and integrated success metrics using google analytics for the MVP, reached 130+ WAU and 15% conversion rate.

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%.

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 (Shanghai Jr.NBA MIP 2019; Football (Team Captain 2019); Piano (Level 10 Certification)