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SUMMARY

I am an AI Researcher with over 3 years of experience in Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision, focusing on Generative AI. My industrial expertise lies in developing and deploying analytical models to drive credit decisioning in my 3 years at Goldman Sachs. I am actively seeking an intern position in Artificial Intelligence research to broaden my knowledge horizon and make substantial contributions to the world.

EXPERIENCE

Decision Scientist - Goldman Sachs

08/2020 - 07/2023, Bangalore, India

- Developed 2 models based on SVM and Knowledge-Tree graphs for customer delinquency and risk scoring for personal loans and further assisted in its deployment. The addition of the new models resulted in a 6% decrease in the overall delinquency rate and an increase in customer satisfaction by 8%.
- Built 2 regression models to assist in customer acquisition risk scoring and personalize the loan offers for each customer. Deployment of these models led to an increase in the loans provided by 5%.
- Spearheaded the research on changing market conditions during the COVID period by leveraging the tools of LSTM-based time series analysis over the years. The findings of the study were then used to refine the existing policies, leading to an increase in new customers by 10%.
- Supervised a team in building a comprehensive end-to-end pipeline for the credit decision and loan offer process on Provenir, leading to a decrease in the latency of loan processing by 15%, an increase in load handling by 13% and reducing the cost of maintenance of the pipeline by 20% compared to the previous pipeline deployed on a legacy platform, FICO.

Machine Learning Research Intern - Sprinklr India

05/2019 - 07/2019, Gurgaon, India

- Developed and deployed an LSTM model that reduced spam classification errors by 10%, significantly improving data quality for product review analysis.
- Conducted research on model compression for LSTMs, proposing a teacher-student model that achieved a 60% size reduction with minimal accuracy loss. This project demonstrates your problem-solving skills and understanding of model efficiency, which is crucial for large-scale deployments.
- Analyzed and modeled social media data (Twitter) using LSTMs, showcasing your ability to work with complex datasets relevant to Amplitude's core business.

SKILLS

Areas of Expertise: Generative AI, Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning, Model Optimization, Image Processing, AI Model Deployment, Machine Learning Model Evaluation, Data Mining and Visualisation, Pattern Recognition.

Languages: Python, R, C, C++, Javascript, SQL.

Tools: TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, spaCy, Scikit Learn, openCV, Pandas, Numpy, Scipy, MySQL, MongoDB, Spark, Git.

Soft Skills: Software development, Team collaboration, Leadership, Mentoring and training, Problem-solving, Critical thinking, Communication skills, Programming, Project management, Research presentation, Research publication.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Computer Science • University of California Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, CA • 09/2023 - 05/2025 • 4/4 GPA

- Working as a **Teaching Assistant** from Jan 2024

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science • National Institute of Technology Karnataka

Surathkal, India • 08/2016 - 05/2020 • 9.39/10 GPA

PUBLICATIONS

Prostate Cancer Grading using Multistage Deep Neural Networks • [Publication](#)

MIND 2021 • 07/2021 - 12/2021 • Springer

- Developed a novel multi-stage deep learning framework for automated Gleason system grading (GSG) and grade group (GG) classification of prostate cancer cells. This approach differs from existing methods by treating Gleason pattern (GP) classification as a classification problem combined with segmentation.
- The system achieved an overall diagnostic accuracy exceeding 90% f1-score for each CNN, demonstrating its effectiveness in GSG and GG classification. Additionally, the paper reports precision and recall values for each GP, both exceeding 90%, beating the state-of-the-art techniques.
- This DL-based system holds promise for enhancing objectivity and efficiency in prostate cancer diagnosis, potentially leading to early detection and cure.

Network Anomaly Detection using Artificial Neural Networks Optimised with PSO-DE Hybrid • [Publication](#)

SSCC 2018 • 01/2018 - 05/2018 • Springer

- Proposed a hybrid PSO-DE algorithm combining Particle Swarm Optimization and Differential Evolution to optimize ANNs for network anomaly detection. The hybrid PSO-DE algorithm leverages the complementary advantages of both techniques to achieve better exploration and exploitation capabilities.
- The optimized ANNs significantly improved anomaly detection accuracy compared to traditional methods. The paper reports an accuracy of 98.7%, which substantially improves the accuracy of conventional ANN-based methods.
- The paper used the NSL-KDD dataset, a standard benchmark dataset for network intrusion detection. The results show that the proposed approach can effectively detect anomalies in real-world network traffic.

PROJECTS

Academic Video Summarizer and Enhancer using Retrieval Augmented Generation with LLMs

01/2024 - Present

- Developed a novel LLM-based pipeline for generating informative video summaries. This approach leverages Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) to incorporate external knowledge from reading materials, resulting in more comprehensive and student-friendly summaries than traditional methods.
- Implemented few-shot learning and prompt-based fine-tuning to enhance the performance of pre-trained LLMs. This strategy addresses the limitations of pre-trained models and significantly improves the quality and accuracy of the generated video summaries.
- Undertook a user survey demonstrating that the proposed solution outperforms existing video summarization techniques. This empirical validation highlights the approach's effectiveness in creating superior summaries for educational purposes.

Relaxation of Differential Privacy in Machine Learning

08/2019 - 05/2020

- Analyzed the importance of Differential Privacy (DP) in Machine Learning, zoning in on the convex bounds for privacy and accuracy in the models.
- Conducted a comprehensive literature survey and investigated the convex properties of relaxed privacy guarantees, with a particular focus on Renyi DP. This research lays the groundwork for the application of these methods in machine learning model security and privacy.
- Proposed a Renyi-DP-inspired Gradient Descent algorithm for Neural Networks, demonstrating its potential to balance individual privacy with strong model performance.

Scalable Sentiment Analysis for Real-Time Product Feedback (using Seq2Seq + LSTM)

05/2019 - 07/2019

- Implemented a Seq2Seq model with LSTMs to analyze product-based tweets, enabling real-time sentiment analysis for multiple businesses at Sprinklr. This approach captured contextual nuances in tweets, leading to more accurate sentiment identification than traditional methods.
- Leveraged sentiment analysis to generate actionable product feedback for Sprinklr clients. Businesses gained valuable insights to improve customer experience and product satisfaction by analyzing tweet sentiment towards specific products.
- Pioneered using model compression techniques (teacher-student model and pruning) to create lightweight NLP models. This innovation enabled the deployment of sentiment analysis models on mobile platforms, extending the reach and accessibility for Sprinklr's clients.