VARSHA VATTIKONDA

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SKILLS

Languages

Python, SQL, C#, R

ML Frameworks & MLOps

Data Processing

Tools

PyTorch, Tensorflow, Scikit-learn, nltk, AWS SageMaker, GCP (Vertex AI), Airflow

Azure (Data Factory), Spark, Databricks, Pandas

MSSQL, Splunk, Power BI, Salesforce

WORK EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Engineer - JP Morgan Chase, New York City, USA

Jun'23 - Curr

- Drove a \$5M uplift in annual revenue by partnering with Sales and engineering an outreach system; Random Forest model to identify overlooked contacts and deliver leads via a REST API, boosting sign-ups by 5%
- Architected a scalable MLOps framework for 50+ data scientists, creating reusable components for training, model versioning, and automated deployment, reducing model-to-production lifecycle by 50%
- Developed a recommendation engine uncovering 30% more qualified leads for follow-on offerings; an XGBoost trained on 13F, trading, and CRM data, deployed as a real-time prediction service.
- Engineered a global alerting platform for 300+ sales reps that used a 3-layer MLP (Neural Network) trained on AWS SageMaker to score and prioritize alerts, increasing user engagement by 25%
- Productionised a time-series stock recommendation engine using an LSTM+Attention model, architecting a batch prediction pipeline processing 10GB+ of trade history and serving with 80% Average Precision
- Designed and deployed a client meeting allocation service using a constrained optimization algorithm, which was served via a REST API, improving meeting fulfillment by 18%.

Machine Learning Engineer - MSCI Inc., Mumbai, India

Aug'16 - Jul'21

- Generated \$1.2M in ARR by developing a batch recommendation system using PCA and K-Means to cluster clients and generate cross-sell opportunities via REST API integrated with CRM
- Reduced customer churn by 10% by productionizing an XGBoost prediction model; architecting a feature engineering pipeline in SQL to compute behavioral trends and deploying the model as a batch scoring job
- Deployed a two-stage prediction model (K-Means + Linear Regression) as a real-time REST API to estimate simulation durations, providing accurate (MAE of 5 minutes) time-to-completion estimates
- Architected a self-healing ETL framework to ingest 10GB/day from 10+ sources, providing clean, feature-ready data for all production ML models, reducing data prep time by 15%
- Engineered a sentiment analysis pipeline that processed 10,000+ client emails using an **LSTM** model deployed on **Azure Functions**, providing real-time sentiment signals

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS

Research Assistant - New York University, USA

Jan'23 - May'23

- Architected and built a multi-stage NLP pipeline to automate the extraction of causal relationships, orchestrating BERT-based models for sequence and token classification
- Engineered a data annotation tool with **JavaScript** in Qualtrics to streamline the creation of a high-quality training dataset, reducing the data labeling lifecycle by **40%**

Data Science Intern - MSCI Inc. ESG NYC, USA

May'22 - Dec'22

- Engineered and deployed an end-to-end **Geospatial ML system** on **Google Vertex AI**, which served as the foundational PoC for a **\$1M** strategic partnership between MSCI and Google
- Built the production pipeline to perform scalable batch-inference on 300,000+assets; data ingestion using Google Earth Engine API and a two-stage ML model (KMeans Clustering + Random Forest)

EDUCATION

M.S. Data Science | New York University, USA (3.9/4)

Sep'21 - May'23

Coursework: Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning (Computer Vision), Big Data (Spark)

BTech & MTech Electrical Engineering | Indian Institute Of Technology Madras (IITM)

Aug'11 - May'16

Coursework: Data Structures & Algorithms, Machine Learning, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics