

# Akshat Karwa

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## EDUCATION

### Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Master of Science in Computer Science - GPA: 4.0/4.0

Aug 2024 - May 2025

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science - GPA: 3.9/4.0

Aug 2021 - May 2024

- **Concentration:** Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
- **Coursework:** Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science & Analytics, Statistics, Algorithms, Information Security, Databases, Application Development, Computer Systems, Internet Systems, Networks

## EXPERIENCE

### Robotics Graduate Teaching Assistant

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Institute of Technology

Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

- Supported 450+ students by conducting office hours, offering guidance, and helping with course material.
- Designed robotics assignments and quizzes on path planning (RRT, A\*), SLAM, state estimation (Kalman, Particle, Bayes), sensor fusion (LIDAR, Odometry), PID control, obstacle avoidance, and trajectory optimization.

### Software Engineer

Atlanta, GA

Georgia Tech VIP: Automated Algorithm Design - Google Sponsored Research

Jan 2023 - May 2024

- Developed the EMAD (Evolutionary Multi-objective Algorithm Design Engine) framework, implementing a multi-island model with diverse objectives and dynamic migration topology that improved population diversity by 38% phenotypically and 11% genotypically, outperforming algorithms like NSGA-II and MOEA/D.
- Optimized framework performance, achieving a 18% improvement in convergence speed, 22% better objective coverage, and reducing computational overhead by 27% on the Georgia Tech PACE cluster.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

### Software Engineer - BuzzAI - Course Discovery System for Georgia Tech

- Built course recommender using transformer models (MiniLM, DistilRoBERTa) and FAISS, with custom filtering, collaborative profiling, and Llama model for generating topic descriptions, achieving 84.1% accuracy in course matching.
- Engineered data pipeline with custom web scrapers (BeautifulSoup, pdfplumber) and vector embedding architecture, processing 2,000+ courses and enabling adaptive recommendations with 90%+ relevance through user preference learning.

### Data Scientist - COVID Forecasting with Exogenous Data Integration

- Engineered an epidemic spread forecasting system utilizing state-of-the-art models (SARIMA, Prophet, LSTM, RNN, SI, TBATS), integrating exogenous data across 1,674 days, reducing prediction error by 24% over traditional approaches.
- Optimized performance through strategic feature integration and combination analysis of 38 features including vaccination rates, mobility, health and economic indicators, achieving 31% improvement in prediction accuracy.

### Machine Learning Engineer - Spotify Genre Classifier & Hit Predictor

- Analyzed Spotify data encompassing 38,000+ songs to develop a predictive model, achieving 87.3% accuracy in genre classification using Random Forest (F1 score: 0.88) and 96% accuracy in hit prediction.
- Conducted data pre-processing, explored dimensionality reduction techniques like PCA, t-SNE, and UMAP, applied ML algorithms, and created visualizations to uncover patterns in music genre and popularity trends.

### AI Engineer - Voice Cloning Using Deep Learning

- Built a voice cloning system using YourTTS and TortoiseTTS, achieving exceptional voice replication (Mean Cosine Similarity: 0.982 & Mean MSE: 0.019) through architectural optimizations and effective fine-tuning.
- Refined a speaker encoder through multi-stage training on LJSpeech and VCTK datasets, achieving 0.4036 Mel-spectrogram similarity on 11 unseen speakers, reducing spectral distortion and enhancing synthesis naturalness.

### Software Engineer - BeeHired - Job Aggregation Portal

- Created high-performance web crawler processing listings at 1.04s/post with 0.14s parsing speed for 100+ posts, and optimized storage to 0.08s/entry, through Selenium WebDriver implementation.
- Architected full-stack job platform using React/Express/MySQL processing 10,000+ posts in 24 mins, featuring 0.07s query response time, ghost job detection, and user-friendly multi-parameter filtering interface for personalized job search.

## SKILLS

**Programming:** Python, Java, R, C, MATLAB, JavaScript, TypeScript, SQL, HTML, CSS

**Tools:** Git, Docker, Kubernetes, Cursor, Jupyter Notebook, OpenRefine, Tableau, AWS, Azure, GCP

**Tech Stack:** NumPy, pandas, scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, LangChain, Hugging Face, OpenCV, NLTK, React, Next.js, D3.js, Node.js, Express, FastAPI, Flask, REST, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Hadoop, Spark