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## EDUCATION

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**Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute, Mumbai, India**  
Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.)  
Major: Information Technology

August, 2017| May, 2021  
Overall GPA: 8.97/10

## INTERESTS

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Program Synthesis, Information Retrieval, Machine Learning for Programming Languages and Software Engineering, NLP.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Microsoft

*Research Fellow, Program Synthesis (PROSE) Team*

Redmond, US (Remote)

August 2022 - Present

- Conceptualized and built the natural language to code feature for the **Power Query M** language, used for wrangling tables in **Excel**, **Fabric** and **PowerBI**.
- Collaborated towards building the **Copilot** experience as a part of the Power Query experience in **Fabric** and **Excel**.
- Devised two state-of-the-art strategies  $TST^R$  (**EMNLP-Findings '23**) and COOPER (Under submission to ACL ARR) for optimal dynamic prompt construction aiding in-context learning for natural language to code tasks.
- Developed Alternate Task Technique (ATT) (Under submission COLM, 24), a generalized framework to post process LLM outputs using alternate tasks that improved performance on low resource languages, like Power Query M, by **13%** and bridges the gap between performance for low and high resource languages.
- Developed Adapted Dense Retrieval (ADDER) (Submitted to CIKM, 24) framework for Information Retrieval tasks using dense embedding for efficient code retrieval in low-resource settings.

### Microsoft Research

*Research Intern*

Bangalore, India

August, 2021 – July, 2022

- Assisted with the development of Landmark-based Robust Synthesis (LRSyn) framework (**PLDI '22**), that extracted data from semistructured formats from images like forms and HTML documents.
- Led early discussions with the Machine-to-Human (M2H) team at Microsoft for productionizing LRSyn in **Bing Ads**.
- Built a tool for data extraction from forms for the Finance India team at Microsoft that reduced the invoice turnaround time by **50%**.

### Samsung Research

*Research Intern*

Bangalore, India

May, 2020 - July, 2020

- Worked with the On-Device AI team to improve system performance using Reinforcement Learning.
- Built a State-Of-The-Art Multi-Agent Deep Q-network leveraging prioritized experience replay (PER) and time-bound dynamic reward functions.
- Designed a multi-agent multi-target simulation environment for benchmarking performance.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Semantically Aligned Question and Code Generation for Automated Insight Generation.

A. Singha, B. Chopra, **A. Khatry**, S. Gulwani, A. Henley, V. Le, C. Parnin, M. Singh, and G. Verbruggen.  
LLM4Code at International Conference on Software Engineering (**LLM4Code, ICSE '24**). [Link]

*Best Paper Award* 🏆

### $TST^R$ : Target Similarity Tuning Meets the Real World.

**A. Khatry**, S. Gulwani, P. Gupta, V. Le, A. Singha, M. Singh, and G. Verbruggen.  
Findings of Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, 2023.  
(**EMNLP-Findings '23**). [Link]

### Landmarks and Regions: A Robust Approach to Data Extraction.

S. Parthasarathy, L. Pattanaik, **A. Khatry**, A. Iyer, A. Radhakrishna, S. Rajamani, and M. Raza.  
International Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (**PLDI '22**). [Link]

### From Words to Code: Harnessing Data for Program Synthesis from Natural Language.

**A. Khatry**, J. Cahoon, J. Henkel, S. Deep, V. Emani, A. Floratou, S. Gulwani, V. Le, M. Raza, S. Shi, M. Singh and A. Tiwari.

Microsoft Machine Learning, AI & Data Science Conference (**MLADS '23**). [Link]

## PREPRINTS

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**COOPER: Learning what to teach language models for code generation.**

**A. Khatry**, S. Gulwani, V. Le, M. Singh, and G. Verbruggen.

Under Submission to ACL ARR. [Link]

**Augmented Embeddings for Custom Retrievals.**

**A. Khatry**, Y. Bajpai, P. Gupta, S. Gulwani and A. Tiwari.

Under Submission to CIKM, 2024. [Link]

**Alternate Task Technique for Natural Language to Code in Low-Resource Languages.**

**A. Khatry**, J. Cahoon, J. Henkel, S. Deep, V. Emani, A. Floratou, S. Gulwani, V. Le, M. Raza, S. Shi, M. Singh and A. Tiwari.

Under Submission to COLM, 2024. [Link]

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Human Rights First

*Machine Learning Engineer*

Remote

May, 2021 – July, 2021

- Developed a war-crime detection tool using social media channels along with 30 change-makers from around the world.
- Fine-tuned a **Distil-RoBERTa** model for binary classification of war crimes that obtained **80%** accuracy in war crime detection from social media channels.
- Spearheaded the development of a novel two-stage prediction pipeline for multi-label classification of war crimes.

### Pexabyte Technology Solutions

*Programming Analyst Intern*

Remote

May, 2019 – July, 2019

- Designed and developed a **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)** tool utilizing MySQL as the back-end database.
- Collaborated closely with product managers to gather requirements, understand business needs, and translate them into functional specifications for the ERP tool.
- Implemented indexing to reduce the query execution time by **25%**.
- Provided training and documentation for end-users and support teams, ensuring a smooth transition and ongoing maintenance of the ERP tool.

## SKILLS

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**Computer Languages: Proficient:** Python, C#, SQL. **Familiar:** Java, C++, Javascript

**Software and Tools:** PyTorch, MongoDB, AzureML, MySQL, WPF Applications

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Copilot for Data Integration**, Microsoft, 2024.

**NL to Code in low resource settings**, Software Analytics Research Group, Singapore Management University, 2023.

**Low Resource Data Extraction**, Technical Advisory Board, Microsoft, 2022.

**Azure Machine Learning Workshop**, Microsoft, 2022.

**Model United Nations Workshop**, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), India, 2020.

## VOLUNTARY AND LEADERSHIP SERVICES

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**Program Committee:** NuCLear Workshop (AAAI, 2024), TRL Workshop (NeurIPS, 2023), SRW Workshop (ACL, 2023).

Student Volunteer for POPL, 2024.

Cloud Volunteer for Google's Developer Student Club, VJTI, 2021.

Director General, VJTI Model United Nations, 2021.

Debate Judge for Hysteria, Don Bosco College, 2020.

Public Relations Head, VJTI Cultural Committee, 2020.

Research Head, VJTI Model United Nations, 2020.