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EDUCATION

Yale University

New Haven, CT

B.S. in Mathematics & B.S. in Computer Science

GPA: 3.97/4.00

- Courses: Grad Probability, Abstract Algebra, Analysis I, Learning Theory, Systems
- Activities: TA (Probability Theory), Yale Birding, South Asian Society, Poker Club

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **Anish Lakkapragada**. Exponential Family Discriminant Analysis: Generalizing LDA-Style Generative Classification to Non-Gaussian Models. *Preprint*, 2025.
- 2. **Anish Lakkapragada**, A Khanna, E Raff, N Inkawhich. Comprehensive OOD Detection Improvements. *CVPR VAND Workshop* 2024.
- 3. **Anish Lakkapragada**. A Novel Explanation Against Linear Neural Networks. *NeurIPS NIML Workshop 2023*.
- 4. Anish Lakkapragada, E Sleiman, S Surabhi, D P Wall. Mitigating Negative Transfer in Multi-Task Learning with Exponential Moving Average Loss Weighting Strategies (student abstract). AAAI Student Abstract & Poster Program 2023.
- 5. Anish Lakkapragada, A Kline, O C Mutlu, ..., P Washington, D P Wall. The classification of abnormal hand movement to aid in autism detection: Machine learning study. *JMIR Biomedical Engineering* 2022.

PROJECTS

SeaLion: Machine Learning Library written from scratch

300+ stars, 15,000 views, and 2K downloads on GitHub.

Nov 2020 - Apr 2021

GenAlt: Accessibility Browser Extension for the visually impaired (3.2K users)

Featured in U.S. Interagency Accessibility Forum (IAAF) 2023. Dec 2021 - Mar 2024

Lynbrook High School Job Shadow Platform (Lead Dev)

Used by 500+ students annually. Saves school admin 100 hours/yr. Jun 2023 - Apr 2024

INTERNSHIPS

Ciroos | ML Engineer

Jun 2025 - Aug 2025

- Ciroos is an early-stage startup (\$21M seed) developing an AI-driven SRE assistant
- Developed MCP server to perform root-cause analysis on any AWS service

alphaXiv | Software Engineer

Jun 2024 - Nov 2024

- Ideated & made <u>Chrome Extension</u> (20,000+ users) to increase user retention
- Cut backend latency by 50%; tracked user growth across 30M+ rows SQL table

U.S. Air Force Research Lab x Booz Allen | Researcher

Jun 2023 - Oct 2023

- Youngest-ever intern, position historically held by undergrad & grad students
- Improved accuracy in out-of-distribution (OOD) detection and published work

Stanford University, Wall Lab | Researcher

Jun 2021 - Jan 2023

- Devised novel machine learning techniques for early detection of autism (paper)
- Improved the the performance of multi-task learning models (paper)

Honors

Discover Citadel, Invitee (3% acceptance rate)

Apr 2025

6.3M+ views & 30,000+ downloads of my bird photographs

May 2022 - present

Youngest-ever speaker, DataBricks Data + AI Summit 2022

Jun 2022

\$2500 scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC)

Mar 2024

Skills

Languages & Frameworks: Python, C/C++, TypeScript, PyTorch/TensorFlow, Next.js Backend: Kubernetes, Docker, AWS, MongoDB, (Postgre)SQL, FastAPI, Linux Services.