Ansh Nagwekar

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University of Pennsylvania

2021 - Present

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science & Network Theory (minors in Mathematics + Statistics) Key Courses: Data Structures & Algorithms (TA), Network Theory (TA), Scalable Cloud Computing, Optimization (TA), Advanced Algorithms, Applied Probability Models, Bayesian Methods, Operating Systems, Stochastic Processes*.

Master of Engineering, Computer and Information Science

Key Courses: Statistics for Data Science, Machine Learning Theory, Ethical Algorithm Design, Convex Optimization, Financial Engineering, Deep Learning*, Computational Learning Theory*, LLM Engineering*, Uncertainty Estimation*.

Professional Experience

Susquehanna International Group, Quantitative Developer Intern

Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

TECH Python, RipTable, Jupyter, GitLab, TypeScript, Airflow, gRPC

- Worked in Strategic Options Trading specialized pod for platform and strategy development in systematic trading.
- Implemented harness app to gracefully support intraday strategy changes with versioning, autofill, and validation.
- Collaborated with market-making group to compute and deliver live data feeds for volatility surface modeling.
- Performed statistical analysis to predict the health of critical feeds by trading open and set up monitoring tools.

Ion Protocol, Blockchain Research Engineer

Sep 2023 - Mar 2024

Tech Go, Solidity, Rust, PostgreSQL, Azure, Grafana, JSON-RPC

- Engineered gas-optimized smart contracts to power DeFi products (e.g., lending markets, yield oracles) for LSTs.
- * Assembled zero-knowledge verification tools for proof-of-reserve by investigating Ethereum storage layout rules.
- Led data engineering efforts for protocol surveillance system to verify financial invariants, monitor AMM (automated market-maker) liquidity pools, and systematically adjust parameters to maintain protocol solvency.
- Designed performant (<5ms) Rust bot under Artemis framework that runs swap simulations and fires automated arbitrage strategies on live AMM activity in order to prevent counterparties from draining Ethereum liquidity.

Tesla, Software Engineer Intern

May 2023 - Aug 2023

TECH Python, MySQL, Redis, Docker, Jenkins, Kubernetes, Splunk, Elasticsearch

- Worked under Applications Engineering team to build and monitor services that handle pricing and configuration of Tesla products in 42+ global markets. Collaborated with DevOps team to conduct performance testing.
- ❖ Reduced response times for production APIs by ~40% by implementing Celery tasks and robust error handling.
- Integrated pricing contexts for Tesla Insurance into used-car valuation service and wrote scalable algorithms to extract cheapest vehicle comps to reduce fees to third-party vendors (estimated annual impact of \$6M).

VO2 Fans, Founding Software Engineer

May 2022 - Nov 2022

TECH JavaScript, MERN, AWS, ThirdWeb SDK

- 4 Harnessed web3 technology and "engage-to-earn" model to improve sports fan engagement by enabling fans to become stakeholders in their favorite athletes (raised \$350K in pre-seed, Techstars '22 Sports Accelerator)
- Built and designed backend stack and shipped software features relating to securing APIs, handling crypto transactions, and developing reward mechanisms for core platform (5000+ monthly visits).

Research and Part-Time Experience

Open Core Ventures, Open-Source Investment Research

Jul 2022 - Present

- Conduct technical due diligence and market research on 200+ open-source software projects across various industries (e.g., DevOps, gaming, GenAI). Advised \$2M seed investments such as DeepMake, Kedify, Phaser.
- ❖ Implemented various software and automation tools to reduce backlog in the investment research pipeline by 33%.

Penn Labs. Software Backend Engineer

Feb 2022 – Jan 2024

- ❖ Co-managed 20,000+ LoC codebase (Python Django, PostgreSQL) and interface with front-end engineers to handle exceptions and create RESTful APIs. Community software products used daily by 12,000+ Penn students.
- Implemented schedule-sharing feature on Penn Course Plan which involved significant backend design changes.

Newristics LLC, Natural Language Processing Research

Jun 2020 – Jul 2021

- Researched applied NLP for various internal projects for behavioral economics-based marketing firm.
- Leveraged ML techniques (regression, deep learning, ensemble learning) to identify 40+ applied heuristics in marketing messages. Achieved accuracy of 85%+ over all models (currently used in production).

Skills and Interests

PLs/Libraries: Python (pandas, sklearn, torch, tensorflow), JavaScript, Go, Java, C, OCaml, Bash, SQL, Solidity, Rust Research Interests: optimization theory, DeFi, NLP, statistical learning theory, blockchain infrastructure, open-source Hobbies: tricking, educational outreach, street dance, game theory, San Francisco 49ers, chocolate milk, canoeing, poker