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#### **EDUCATION**

Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA – Khoury College of Computer Sciences

Masters of Science in Data Science (GPA: 3.9)

Courses: Statistics & Probability, Data Mining & Unsupervised/Supervised ML, NLP, Deep Learning, Database Management & Processing, DSA, Advanced SQL

Gujarat Technological University, Surat, GUJ, INDIA – Pacific School of Engineering

Aug 2016 - Aug 2020

Sep 2021 - Dec 2023

Bachelor's of Engineering in Computer Engineering (CGPA: 8.77)

Courses: Differentials, Calculus & Linear Algebra, Programming (C, C++, Java, Python, SQL), Data Mining & Business Intelligence, Big-Data, DSA, AI, CVPR

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### PUMA North America, Inc | Somerville, MA - Data Scientist

July 2022 - Dec 2022

Time Series Forecasting – Python, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Statsmodel, Pandas, Numpy

- Deployed Time Series Forecasting System for Panel Data in Azure using Python & YML, abating cancelations by 56% resulting in increased revenue of \$1M+
- Developed accurate Univariate & Multivariate Panel Data Time Series & Statistical Models to manage Inventory Stocks & mitigate potential annual losses
- Performed EDA & advanced SQL analytics on 100k+ Products, applied rolling statistics, imputed with mean-interpolation, filtered & curated top 2k products
- Employed ARIMA, SARIMA, Time Series Regression (Random Forests), RNNs/CNNs, etc for Univariate & Multivariate Cross-Sectional Time Series models
- Implemented an ensemble technique reducing RMSE by 34% & resulted in 80% accuracy, constructed interval estimates (KPIs) with 95% confidence levels

Anomaly Detection – Python, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Statsmodel, Darts, ADTK, sktime

- Developed an Anomaly Detection system in Python to identify outliers, enhancing reliability of analytical reports & reducing manual intervention by 90%
- Tackled data integrity issue in retail sales database, where intermittent local store register inactivity led to wide data gaps, impacting report accuracies
- Automated data retrieval in 'openpyxl' library, processing 90 days of hourly sales & applying rolling statistics creating Time Series variables with pandas
- Trained Univariate time series models like AR, MA, RNN, fbProphet for each rolling statistic & performed backtest-predictions to flag discrepant estimates
- Used voting across models for different rolling stats, achieving 71% Accuracy; integrated tkinter & auto py to exe to create executable APK with interface

# Northeastern University, Khoury College of Computer Science | Boston, MA - Graduate Teaching Assistant

Jan 2023 – Dec 2023

CS 7150: Deep Learning -PyTorch, Tensorflow, Gradescope, CanvasIms

- Restructured curriculum focused on practicality of neural network theories, including Transformers & designed Diffusion Models homework from scratch
- Fostered 90% increase in student engagement through interactive learning environments & orchestrated panel discussions of trending Research Papers

**DS 4400: Machine Learning & Data Mining –** Python, Scikit-learn, Pandas, Numpy

- Assisted in delivering a comprehensive Machine Learning & Data Mining course, integrating theory with hands-on practice & clarified complex concepts
- Guided experiential learning projects, translating complex concepts into tangible applications and enhanced students' proficiency in predictive analytics

## SKILLS

Programming: Python (Advanced), R, C, C++, Java, Advanced SQL (MySQL)

Methodologies: Time Series, DL, LLMs, Supervised/Unsupervised ML [Classification, Regression, Dimensionality Reduction, Clustering]

Algorithms: KNN, Decision Trees, Naive Bayes, SVMs, Logistic Regression, Ensemble Methods, K-Means, Heirarchical Clustering

Libraries: Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, Tensorflow/Keras, Darts, ADTK, sktime, statsr, PySpark

Data Manipulation/Visualization: Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, PlL, Geoplotlib, celluloid, Manim, Beautifulsoup, Scrapy, PowerBI

Database/Frameworks/Tools: Advanced Excel, MySQL, NoSQL, Django, Tkinter, auto\_py\_to\_exe, JSON, XML

Cloud Services/Devops: Azure Cloud (ML Studio, DataFactory, Data Lake), Google Cloud (BigQuery), MATLAB, Git, Docker

**Blog Publications:** Sentimental Recommendation System, Time Series Prediction Interval, Attention is Not Enough

# **PROJECTS**

**Product Sales Analysis** (Python, pandas, matplotlib, Data Modeling & EDA)

Jan 2022– May 2022

- Processed dataset of 180k+ observations to discover under-lying patterns, comprehend a benchmark & understand consumer behaviour to increase sales
- Executed Data Wrangling & Feature Engineered imperative variable, followed by algorithmic extraction of frequent item-sets & list of best-selling products
- Post extrapolation- filtered out electronic devices to recommend, which on average could probably surge profits by an estimate of 26% in total revenue

Diabetic Classification (Python, sklearn, scipy, Data Modeling, SML)

Jan 2022- May 2022

- Curated a comprehensive dataset dataset with 1.8M anthropometric observations spanning diverse Indian states, performing geospatial analysis
- Adopted Grid Search Cross Validation to fine-tune Multi-Layer Perceptron Model's parameters, maximizing model efficiency for data-driven insights
- Addressed challenge of imbalanced data by implementing SMOTE technique, getting substantial leap in accuracy from a modest 13 to an impressive 72%

**Visual Grounding - You speak, We'll find it** (Python, PyTorch, Transfer Learning, Deep Learning, Transformers)

Jan 2023- April 202

- Designed an efficient & versatile pipeline leveraging flickr30k API for data mining & acquisition, extracting Annotation entities (B-Boxes), Phrases & Images
- Extracted embedding representations using Pre-Trained Vision Transformers & BERT, representing nuanced multi-modal data with exceptional granularity
- Built baseline Transformer Model for B-box prediction with 75% IoU & 58% accuracy & variational models with performance at par or exceeding baseline

# Image Search Based Discovery Engine (Python, Tensorflow, Transfer Learning, Deep Learning)

Jan 2023 – April 2023

- Crafted a Discovery Engine processing 45k high-res images, drawing deep insights using Transfer Learning with Pre-Trained models ResNet-50 & VGG-16
- Incorporated PCA with Knn, Cosine Similarity & LSH & implemented granular object detection for personalized & targeted product recommendations
- Achieved 66% accuracy for targeted recommendations with high buying propensity using Cosine Similarity with VGG-16, surpassing PCA with Knn with 31%

**Neural Machine Translation** (Python, PyTorch, Self-Attention, Transformers, Encoders-Decoders, NLP)

May 2022 – Aug 2022

- Engineered an efficient data pipeline for audio-derived multilingual data, transforming it into vectorized formats tailored for end-to-end ML pipelines
- Implemented diverse architectures—RNNs (LSTM/GRU) & Transformers (advanced ML techniques) using PyTorch for accurate language translations
- Achieved 56% BLEU & 62% Precision, outperforming baseline models (37% & 45%) emphasizing effectiveness of solution in real-world translation scenarios