ATHARVA YEOLA

EDUCATION

University of California San Diego (UCSD)

September 2023 – Present

 $Master\ of\ Science\ (M.S)\ -\ Machine\ Learning\ \&\ Data\ Science$

San Diego, USA

Pune Institute of Computer Technology (PICT)

July 2019 – June 2023

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) - Electronics & Telecommunication - GPA: 3.9/4.0

Pune, India

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages – Python, R, C++, Matlab, Javascript

Tools & Frameworks - Docker, AWS, CI/CD, Tableau, Linux, Git

Databases - MySQL, ETL, MongoDB, NoSQL, PostgreSQL

Machine Learning - PyTorch, TensorFlow, MLflow, Keras, LLMs, CUDA, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV, SciPy

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Analyst (paper under review at JAMA Int. Med.)

July 2024 - Present

Qualcomm Institute - UC San Diego Division of Calit2

San Diego, USA

- Examined 923,000 gambling addiction help-seeking searches across 38 states post-2018 Murphy v. NCAA, uncovering a 23% national increase. Tracked a \$121.1B surge in wagers with corresponding spikes in addiction searches.
- Developed a predictive model using 828 HIV-related search terms, ensuring predictions were within $\pm 5.2\%$ of actual test sales. Identified 22 sales spikes, 68.2% coinciding with HIV awareness events, and a 6.47% decline during COVID-19.

Graduate Student Researcher

March 2024 - June 2024

University of California San Diego

San Diego, USA

- Developed and implemented a novel RNA image segmentation technique that achieved an Intersection over Union (IoU) greater than 70% across nearly 300 individual cells, facilitating more precise biological analyses and insights.
- Accelerated the segmentation algorithm by leveraging parallel GPU processing, decreasing the processing time by 300% and reduced CPU overhead by 19.5 hours for a dataset comprising 2.2 million molecules

Research Intern for Computer Vision (paper accepted at CVMI 2024)

December 2022 – August 2023

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna

Remote

- Tailored a Vision Transformer architecture specifically designed to address edge-case scenarios in self-driven vehicles, beating the state-of-the-art F1 score by 9%, and significantly enhancing the reliability and safety of autonomous driving systems in adverse conditions.
- Created a new dataset by utilizing advanced augmentation techniques to generate high-quality synthetic data, thereby expanding the dataset size to 100,000 images (30% increase), improving robustness of the model.

Machine Learning Intern

August 2022 – April 2023

RhythmFlows Solutions Pvt. Ltd

Pune, India

- Trained a music recommendation engine using content-based filtering and deployed it using AWS Sagemaker, boosting relevant recommendations by 33%. Designed a feedback loop for continuously updating weights to maintain the algorithm's preciseness.
- Reduced document processing time by 7 seconds per document by utilizing Pytesseract OCR for electronic receipt scanning, and revamped the data analysis pipeline, minimizing human effort by 30%.

Machine Learning Intern

January 2022 - June 2022

Atomic Loops

Pune, India

- Spearheaded a team of three in training a YOLOv5 food detection model achieving 98% precision and then smoothly integrated it with a CCTV surveillance network.
- Collaborated with the data platform team to construct preprocessing pipelines, facilitating a notable 20% acceleration in project delivery rate.

PROJECTS

End-to-End Text Summarizer | *② Transformers, NLP, GitHub Actions*

July 2024 - July 2024

- Built a text summarizer for concise summaries, managing the entire workflow from configuration to deployment.
- Automated CI/CD with AWS and GitHub Actions, handling Docker, EC2, ECR, and runner setup.

Retail Vision Enhancement | **@** YOLOv8, SuperGlue, Docker

February 2024 - February 2024

- Implemented YOLOv8 for object detection, achieving over 90% accuracy in labeling on-shelf retail products.
- Utilized SuperGlue for precise product identification, and created a Dockerfile to ensure cross-platform reproducibility.