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## **EDUCATION**

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Candidate for Master of Science (M.S.) in **Data Analytics Engineering** (GPA: **3.86**)

Apr. 2024

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kurnool, AP

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in Computer Engineering (GPA: 4.0)

Jun. 2020

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

LogicAI (KaggleDays), Warsaw, Poland

Data Scientist

Sep. 2021 – Aug. 2022

- Orchestrated initiation of "KaggleDays x Z by HP Global Championship", resulting in 13 successful data science meetups world wide building a community of 12 million data scientists competing for the title. This resulted in improved participation by 80%, titled top Kaggle community globally.
- Spearheaded automation of cutting-edge data processing pipelines, increasing efficiency by 1.4x on Kaggle.
   Mentored event back-end, resulting in 95% participant satisfaction catering to top grandmasters'.

India Urban Data Exchange (IISc. Bangalore), Bangalore, India

**Data Scientist** Sep. 2020 – Sep. 2021

- Constructed an end-to-end open-source ITMS-focused data ingestion pipeline using Apache Flink and Spark
  to pre-process data before warehousing. The pipeline processed 900k data points per minute from 5 major
  smart cities and communicated insights through an analytical dashboard leveraging Superset for effective
  decision-making. Also developed a PyIUDX SDK in Python with CLI and GUI Interactive capabilities.
- Predicted public transportation Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) with deep neural network models, achieving an R2 score of 0.93 on unstructured data. The pipeline was optimized for real-time processing of high-throughput messages.

# **RESEARCH & PROJECTS**

#### DeepFace & FaceNet ensemble Smart AI Attendance Engine

Feb. 2020 - Jun. 2020

- Designed a high-accuracy Smart AI Attendance Engine employing an ensemble of DeepFace and FaceNet for facial recognition and authentication, succeeding with a 97.5% recognition rate on a dataset of 5000+ students.
- Implemented **gaze point estimation** for attendance tracking using PyTorch with OpenCV and Flask, adhering to data science best practices and facial data **privacy measures**. Applied **FaaS** principles for deployment.

### Bayesian Statistical Approaches to develop Dynamic Pricing Models

Oct. 2019 – Dec. 2019

- Deploying Bayesian statistics, improved revenue generation by 17%. Conducted churn analysis and market segmentation using RFM scoring and Uplift Modeling based on Bayesian Networks.
- Automated pricing model through feature engineering, statistical inferences, and probabilistic modeling, including A/B testing. Utilized Python3 and PyCharm for development of the project.

#### Video frame Analysis with edge estimation for Road Congestion Control

Jul. 2018 - Sep. 2018

Developed a Smart AI Traffic Light System using CCTV to monitor road congestion by analyzing video frames
and semantic segmentation based road edging. Switched streetlight signals based on road lane density
statistics, while logging emergency vehicles prioritization. Employed Python3, Raspberry Pi, and OpenCV.

#### **SKILLS**

Languages: Python3, R, C/C++, JAVA, SQL, Rust

**Frameworks**: Scipy, Scikit, PyTorch, Keras, NLTK, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Tensorflow **Tools**: Jupyter, Pycharm, VSC, Git, Tableau, Superset, H2O, MongoDB, Hadoop, Flask, Spark

Soft Skills: Public Speaking, Accountable and Responsible, Time Management, Collaborative, Goal driven

#### **ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIPS**

- VP of Projects & Relations at Data Science Hub, Northeastern University 2022.
- Recognized as one among 16 Global Data Science Ambassadors with Z by HP & NVIDIA, 2020 Present.
- Speaker, NVIDIA GTC Global AI Conference, April 2021, Data Science Mentor, Hack4She global Hackathon.
- President, Cultural Affairs Society, Coordinator, Co'digo Club. Organized techno-cultural fest SOLASTA-19.
- Attained Kaggle Master tier with a global rank under 63 out of 194K active Data Scientists (LB Top 1%).
- Interests: Lead Guitarist (IIIT Band), Speed Cuber (30s), Table Tennis (CBSE clusters, inter-IIIT).