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“Look at you, you’ve made it this far, you can go a little further” is what I say to myself over and over again. College was hard. Physics was hard. Not a clue how I actually made it this far, but it’s been a journey for sure. Through all the joys and the many tears, from all nighters to heartbreaks in several forms, all these have made me who I am today. It’s been a rough journey, but I wouldn’t have had it any other way. I can only face the future with a smile full of hope. I never lose hope.



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