FAITH WAVINYA MUTINDA

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Summary

Innovative Data Scientist with extensive expertise in NLP, specializing in fine-tuning language models for diverse tasks such as information extraction, summarization, and question answering. Skilled in end-to-end model development, including data preparation, distributed training, and benchmarking. Looking to leverage my technical skills in a data-driven role within a forward-thinking company.

Skills

Natural Language Processing	Machine Learning	Communication
Retrieval-Augmented Generation	Large Language Models	Team Collaboration
Distribute Training	Prompt Engineering	Problem Solving

Experience

NLP Postdoctoral Research Fellow

July 2024 - Present

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, U.S.A.

- Developed a RAG-based LLM pipeline using Llama and DeepSeek-Distill-Llama models to extract and normalize dysmorphic findings from unstructured genetics notes, improving model performance by 13%.
- Fine-tuned clinical QA LLMs using HPC GPU clusters and Cloud TPUs; optimized performance, built benchmarking frameworks, and applied RLHF to improve alignment and accuracy.
- Mentored undergraduate students, providing technical guidance and overseeing research projects.

Python Data Scientist/Analyst

May 2024 - July 2024

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• Developed and curated robust datasets in data science and Python coding domains for LLM training and evaluation, ensuring quality and consistency.

Data Scientist

Apr 2023 - Nov 2023

Biofourmis Singapore PTE. Limited, Singapore

- Developed **predictive machine learning models** using electronic health records, achieving high accuracy in **identifying patients at risk of chronic conditions**, bolstering precision medicine initiatives.
- Enhanced hospital readmission prediction models, increasing accuracy by 10% through extensive exploratory data analysis, feature engineering, and hyperparameter optimization.
- Collaborated with **cross-functional teams** to transform complex business requirements into effective and scalable data-science solutions.

Graduate Researcher (Data Scientist)

Apr 2019 - Mar 2023

Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan

- Developed a **Longformer-based transformer model** that streamlined the meta-analysis process, achieving an **F1 score above 80%** by efficiently **extracting core concepts** from biomedical research articles.
- Trained a transformer-based deep learning model to compute the degree of semantic similarity in clinical texts, achieving a correlation of 90% with human scores.
- Fine-tuned **BERT-based** model for **medication and context extraction** from unstructured clinical notes, attaining a **94% F1 score** and earning a **top 10 ranking** in a shared task.

Education

Ph.D. in Information Science & Engineering

2023

Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan

Master's in Information Science & Engineering

2020

Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan