# Gayathri Pulagam

## **EDUCATION**

#### San Jose State University

MS Software Engineering (Data Science) 2021 Web and Big Data Mining Deep Learning Reinforcement Learning Systems Engineering

#### Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

BS Computer Science 2017
Data Structures and Algorithms
Design Patterns
Operating Systems
Distributed Systems

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Virufy

Software Engineer (ML)

Apr. 2022 - Current

- · Working on migrating the data preprocessing pipeline and data storage to AWS data wrangler and feature store
- Developing attention-based model architectures for audio classification
- Evaluated various mel-spectrogram generation techniques for preprocessing audio data
- Augmented audio data using techniques like noise injection, pitch change and shifting time using python's librosa

#### **Butterfly Edufields**

Software Engineer June 2017 - July 2018

- Responsible for building server-side backend for the company's e-commerce web application
- Developed APIs for payment processing on the web application to process the user's payments online
- · Worked with the QA and product teams to ensure efficiency and user-friendly experience of the web application

## SKILLS

TECHNICAL SKILLS: Python, Java, SQL, AWS, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Data Analysis, Data Preprocessing, Docker

## **PROJECTS**

## LipScribe - An Application to generate text from lip movements

June 2021 - Dec. 2021

- Developed and trained a 3D-CNN architecture to generate text sequences from a person's lip movements
- Trained the model efficiently using distribution training strategy on AWS sagemaker
- Developed a data preprocessing pipeline to extract the region of interest from video frames using open cv

## **Driver Distraction Detection using Neural Networks**

Jan. 2021 - May 2021

- Built a custom EfficientNet model to detect drivers in images and classify each driver based on their posture into 10 different categories of safe or unsafe driving
- Developed real-time visualization dashboards using TensorBoard to monitor the performance of models during training
- Experimented with various image preprocessing techniques using Keras' image preprocessing module and augmented images using Keras' data generator

## Banking Application using React and Node

Jan. 2021 - May 2021

- Developed APIs to transfer funds between users and display the list of financial transactions on the user's homepage using Node and Sequelize
- Designed and developed UI and frontend components for transfer funds and transactions APIs using React
- Deployed the web application to AWS in an Auto Scaled EC2 Cluster with Load Balancer

## Customer Segmentation and Increased Engagement using Machine Learning

Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020

- Amalgamated various e-commerce datasets by calculating latent variables to deal with data imbalance
- Calculated spending scores for the users to draw meaningful insights on user buying patterns
- Calculated user engagement scores by assigning weights to the purchase event types for that particular user
- Segmented customers into 5 cohorts by calculated Customer Lifetime Values

#### Hateful Meme Detection

Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020

- Generated descriptive text captions for images using a pre-trained CNN + RNN based model
- These captions were used along with the meme text in the images to perform multi-modal classification of memes as hateful or non-hateful
- Developed a web interface and created an endpoint using AWS SageMaker and AWS Lambda