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EDUCATION

Purdue University

West Lafayette, IN

Master of Science in Computer Science (GPA: 4.0/4.0) 08/2023 - 05/2025 (Expected)

• Research Area: Mechanistic Interpretation of LLMs | Efficient LLM Optimizations

Coursework: Distributed Systems, Program Analysis, Computer Networks, Information Security, Graduate Algorithms, Reasoning with LLMs[†], ML Systems[†]

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

New Delhi, India

Bachelor of Technology in Electrical Engineering (GPA: 3.93/4.0)

07/2019 - 05/2023

Minor in Computer Science (GPA: 4.0/4.0): [Dean's List]

• Publication: A deep learning framework for the detection of tropical cyclones from satellite images. IEEE GRSS

o Research Thesis: Demographic Prediction from Satellite Imagery using Deep Learning

o Coursework: Operating Systems, Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, System Design Practices, Computer Architecture, Information Retrieval, Machine Learning, Convex Optimization for ML

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming C, C++, Java, Python, Go, Javascript, Scala, Rego

Development NodeJS, React, MySQL, MongoDB, FastAPI, gRPC, Neo4J, Akka, Kafka

DevOps Docker, Kubernetes, Git, CI/CD (CircleCI), AWS, GCP, BigQuery, Prometheus, Grafana

ML TensorFlow, Pytorch, OpenCV, LangChain, AutoML, Sagemaker, LangSmith

EXPERIENCE

Deductive AI | MLE Internship

Mountain View, CA

Topic: Low Latency Ingestion and Code Reasoning | Received Return Offer

05/2024 - 08/2024

- Worked in a startup environment (<10 members), taking ownership of key features and managing various ad-hoc tasks.
- Reduced latency of ingestion pipeline from hours to seconds using Akka (Scala) streams and DBMS optimizations.
- o Owned the E2E pipeline for ingestion, retrieval, reasoning & evaluation of code and its interaction with telemetry data.
- Implemented an agent-less approach which outperforms SOTA (SWE-bench) and cuts down on LLM costs by 10x.

DevRev.ai | MLE Internship

Bangalore, India

Topic: Incorporating Retrieval Augmented Generation | Received Return Offer

05/2023 - 07/2023

- Led the development of a retrieval augmented conversational agent RPC from scratch. Implementation fetches neighbors from a vector DB, data from S3 bucket and memory from Redis; currently the top selling feature of DevRev.
- Implemented a custom *LangChain*-like solution for chaining LLM calls and added support for function calling. Created an RPC for converting natural language queries into API calls; integrated into a general purpose search bar.
- Managed the migration of a microservice from Golang to Python to enhance the development of ML serving pipelines.
- Established a comprehensive encoder benchmarking pipeline using AWS SageMaker for proprietary datasets.

DevRev.ai | SDE Internship

Bangalore, India

Topic: Adding support for third party integrations | Received Return Offer

05/2022 - 08/2022

- Contributed to backend in **Golang** to support 2-way communication with other SaaS apps like Slack and GitHub.
- Exposed internal workflows through RPCs to enable users to write automations using OPA policy Rego.
- Worked on multiple integrations for Slack, leading to DevRev's initial breakthrough with their first customers.

Sharechat AI | MLE Internship

Remote (Part-time)

Topic: Rule based modelling of DL models for CTR prediction | Received Return Offer

12/2021 - 05/2022

- Trained a DNN model feeding in a large number of continuous & categorical features for ads CTR prediction; achieved test AUC score of 0.76 on Sharechat's proprietary dataset (3.5% improvement over existing implementation).
- Formulated RuleNet for distilling rules based on features with historically consistent correlation into models prediction.
- Productionized model using GCP for serving predictions; setup Airflow job for regular re-training from BigQuery.

Project Highlights

- Efficient LLM Optimizations: Investigating the practicality of low-precision optimizations like QLoRA by comparing their performance in domain adaptation tasks against traditional LoRa for fine-tuning LLaMA-2-7b.
- **Distributed Systems:** Implemented a linearizable sharded key/value storage system using Paxos for fault tolerance and scalability to support cross-group transactions while ensuring robustness against system failures and network partitions.
- **Program Analysis:** Developed a Valgrind tool for dynamic analysis, detecting data dependencies in C code. Also implemented an LLVM module for static analysis, identifying memory leaks in C programs.
- Vulnerabilities and Attacks: Investigated vulnerable C codes susceptible to stack-smashing attacks. Attacked diverse vulnerabilities including buffer overflow and DEP bypass while using GDB for debugging and analyzing memory locations.
- Network Bandwidth Allocation: Developed and implemented a linear programming solution for optimal bandwidth allocation in multi-stream video analytics (using YOLOv8) within edge computing.
- Natural Language Inference: Implemented Few-Shot Cross-lingual transfer learning approaches using Adapter modules and fine-tuned XLM-R models for transferring knowledge from high-resource languages to low-resource languages.