Kunal Chandan

B.A.Sc Honours Electrical Engineering '23

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Software: KiCAD, LTSpice, Cadence Virtuoso, LayoutEditor, Quartus Prime

Languages: Python, C++, SQL, Verilog, VHDL, MATLAB, Go, RISC-V

Libraries: Numpy, Pandas, PyTorch, Boost, FastAPI, Flask, CUDA

Education

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO - B.A.SC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING '23

- Key Courses: Electronic devices, semiconductor physics, analog/digital integrated circuits, analog/digital/multivariable control systems
- Select Awards and Certifications: Baylis Medical Capstone Design Award, QNFCF and G2N Cleanroom Certifications

Experience

SOFTWARE ENGINEER - AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

University of Waterloo @

Jan 2023 - Apr 2023 | Waterloo, ON, CA

- Fault analysis of autonomous vehicles (AVs), causality and failure modes of AVs explored, literature reviews conducted
- Causal inference and counterfactual reasoning applied to identify root cause failures
- Created a dashboard using Flask/Dash to allow for data exploration and identification of novel failure modes

SOFTWARE ENGINEER - FIRMWARE

Grog Inc. @

Jan 2022 - Apr 2022 | Mountain View, CA, USA

- Defined algorithm for resource allocation over memory and processing units of tensors on Groq's TPU
- Developed Python and C++ firmware API to improve streaming of instructions and data
- Used PyBind11 for interoperability between C++ and Python firmware during codebase migration

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH ASSISTANT - DISPLAY SEMICONDUCTORS

University of Waterloo @

Sept 2022 - Apr 2023 | Waterloo, ON, CA

- Designed custom PCBs in KiCAD for driving small μ LED active/passive matrix displays using STM32 microcontroller and accompanying circuitry
- Developed research plan for packaging μ LEDs onto TFT backplane using indium electroplating
- Designed characterization setups for μ LEDs in Fusion360 and Arduino interfaced with Python
- Validated flip-chip diebonding results with thermal and electrical simulations in MATLAB
- Designed and validated new μ LED layouts to improve mechanical and electrical performance

SOFTWARE ENGINEER - DIGITAL COMPRESSION

Huawei Technologies

May 2020 - Aug 2020 | Waterloo, ON, CA

- Designed and analyzed non-cryptographic hash (NCHF) with linear algebra, SAT and self-designed GF(2) matrix solver to verify properties
- Benchmarked the optimized SIMD hashing function against existing NCHFs (Rust, C++)
- Implemented novel border detection algorithm in Go using probabilistic data structures to maximize performance with Go-routines

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER - COMPLIANCE

Enphase Energy @

Aug 2023 - Present | Fremont/Petaluma, CA, USA

- Designed and implemented automated compliance testing for PV inverters to IEEE and UL standards
- Created business analytics and equipment management application, improving test equipment utilization by 20% (Ignition Perspective, Python)

SOFTWARE ENGINEER - MACHINE LEARNING

MappedIn @

Sept 2019 - Dec 2019 | Waterloo, ON, CA

- Designed pipelines for data cleaning and analysis; integrated new SQL data warehouse
- Increased prediction accuracy from 40% to 80% on existing LSTM models with feature engineering, hyperparameter optimization, and automated data cleaning (Python, SQL)
- Created Embeddings + SVM + Random Forest ensemble models to replace existing LSTM models, reducing inference costs 2x while maintaining prediction accuracy

Projectspre

PIPELINED RISC-V CORE

- Designed 5-stage pipelined RISC-V 32-bit core in Verilog using only synthesizable constructs
- Core synthesized on FPGA and successfully ran branching and recursive algorithms. Testbenches used to ensure cycle accuracy

BEAMFORMING HEARING AID SYSTEM ∅

- Designed 4-channel microphone array PCB with active analog bandpass filtering, differential amplification, and multichannel ADC over SPI to Raspberry Pi (KiCAD)
- Created Flask server on R-Pi to compress and transfer audio data to Pytorch neural network for further digital filtering and beamforming
- Adapted and trained Pytorch quantized voice isolation model to minimize latency while maintaining desired audio quality
- Used multiprocessing, asyncio, and websockets to maximize system throughput, providing continuous audio output