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EDUCATION

Luther College

Decorah, IA

BA, Computer Science, Mathematics, magna cum laude

Aug. 2017 - May. 2021

Technical Skills and Natural Languages

- o Languages: Python, C++, Shell Script, Rust, PostgreSQL, Lua, Haskell, JavaScript, Markdown, LaTeX, HTML, CSS
- o Tools and Libraries: Linux, Neovim, Git, Docker, PyTorch, Transformers, NumPy, Matplotlib, pandas, scikit-learn, Flask, Zola
- o Theory: Applied Statistics, Deep Learning, Information Theory, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Real Analysis, Topology
- o Natural Languages: English (Native Proficiency), Georgian (Native Proficiency), Russian (Native Proficiency)

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh

Machine Learning Research Scientist

Work Remotely from Brooklyn, NY

Feb. 2022 - Present

- o First-authored papers accepted at major AI/ML and health informatics conferences and journals
- o Led engineering and system design efforts for CDM-compliant research data mart (ReDWINE)
- o Automated Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) pipelines manipulating hundreds of GBs of data
- o Researched Few-Shot Learning and Transformers for accurate and efficient text classification

DawnLight

Palo Alto, CA

Research Engineer Apr. 2021 - Jan. 2022

- Developed and maintained Al sensing inference runtime for audio and radar (C++ codebase)
- o Architected and trained highly performant CNN-based DL model for human activity detection
- o Implemented Python APIs and data engineering pipelines for interacting with data platforms
- o Together with Principal Scientist, wrote C++ library of signal processing algorithms (libdsp)
- o DawnLight was Sequoia Capital Backed Ambient Intelligence and Edge Computing Startup

Mayo Clinic

Rochester, MN

Feb. 2020 - Sept. 2020

Artificial Intelligence Researcher

- o First-authored papers accepted at leading AI and health informatics conferences and journals
- o Built chatbot as extension of GPT-2 model by applying BERT, BioBERT, USE, and tf-idf
- Utilized node2vec for generating COVID-19 network embeddings and built co-occurrence network
- o Worked directly under Dr. Feichen Shen and Dr. Yanshan Wang in division of Dr. Hongfang Liu

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- o A Qualitative Evaluation of Language Models on Automatic Question-Answering for COVID-19 Proceedings of the 11th ACM International Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology and Health Informatics (ACM-BCB), 2020 First Author, 33 Citations
- o Constructing Co-occurrence Network Embeddings to Assist Association Extraction for COVID-19 and Other Coronavirus Infectious Diseases Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association (JAMIA), 2020 First Author, 20 Citations
- o Toward Improving Health Literacy in Patient Education Materials with Neural Machine Translation Models American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Informatics Summit, 2023 First Author, Recent Article
- o Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health in the Era of Artificial Intelligence with Electronic Health Records: A Scoping Review Health Data Science (HDS), 2021 Co-Author, 8 Citations

Honors and Awards

- National Interest Waiver (NIW) Green Card Immigrant Petition Approval for Exceptional Ability, USCIS (2022)
- o Dean's List Recipient, Luther College (2017 2021)
- o Recipient of Multiple Highly Competitive Scholarships, Luther College (2017 2020)
- o Recipient of 2 Dean's Office Summer Research Awards, Luther College (2018, 2019)
- o Gold Medal for Academic Excellence, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia (2016)
- o Multiple-Time Finalist, National Mathematics Olympiad of Georgia (2011 2016)
- o 7th Place (TOP 10), National Mathematics Olympiad of Georgia (2014)
- o IMO & IPhO Nominee, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, (2014)