Jahnavi Ashok

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SUMMARY

Data Scientist & Software Engineer with 4+ years of experience in Python, C++ and deep learning optimization. Skilled in LLMs, RAG pipelines, graph-based learning, and time-series modeling with experience deploying production-grade models. Analyze complex datasets and collaborate with cross-functional teams to drive impactful, data-driven decisions.

EDUCATION

MS. in Data Science (4.0/4.0), University of Texas at Arlington

August 2024 – Expected May 2026 | Arlington, USA

B.E. in Information Science (8.8/10), JSS Science and Technology University

August 2017-May 2021 | Mysore, India

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages & Libraries: Python, SQL, C++, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyG
- Deep Learning and ML: Model optimization, GNNs, LSTMs, recommendation systems, hyperparameter tuning
- GenAl & NLP: LangChain, Hugging Face Transformers, ChromaDB, embeddings (Sentence-Transformers, OpenAl)
- Cloud-based ML Services: AWS SageMaker, EC2, S3
- Tools & Platforms: Linux, Git, Docker, Kubernetes, VS Code, Power BI, Streamlit, Jupyter notebook
- Frameworks & Databases: Spark, PySpark, MySQL

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Arlington, *Machine Learning Research Assistant*

May 2025 – Present | Arlington, United States

- Formulating a physics-informed ML framework to model soil water retention curves from soil texture data (~660 samples).
- Implementing hybrid models that combine physics-based baselines with Gaussian Processes and Neural Networks, reducing prediction error by ~20% compared to empirical fits on SWRC (660+ samples).
- Optimized deep learning training efficiency on GPUs by 25% through feature engineering and workload tuning.
- Applied parallelized data preprocessing pipelines to handle 660+ soil samples efficiently.
- Benchmarked model performance using RMSE, MAE, and R², achieving >0.85 R² across validation folds.

Western Digital, *Sr. Software Engineer*

January 2021 – July 2024 | Bangalore, India

- Progressed from Intern to Senior Software Engineer in 3.5 years, leading NVMe SSD validation and automation initiatives across 4+ product lines.
- Designed and optimized large-scale validation frameworks in C++/Python, cutting runtime by 40% with lazy-loading and parallelization.
- Built a Python UI with Boost.Python integration to C++ drivers, cutting manual effort by 80% and enabling full regression automation.
- Designed and implemented enhancements for NVMe command support based on evolving product requirements, increasing validation efficiency by 15%
- Enhanced NVMe command support and migrated to a database-backed framework, boosting validation efficiency by 15% and improving performance by 20%.

RELEVANT PROJECTS

Data Science Tutor Bot (LLM + RAG + Agent)

August 2025

- Developed an LLM tutor using GPT-4o-mini and LangChain to explain ML algorithms step-by-step with math and code, supporting 20+ core ML topics.
- Implemented a RAG pipeline with Sentence-Transformers embeddings, and ChromaDB for context-grounded answers.
- Extended to a Streamlit-based RAG Agent with safe Python execution, enabling live demos and plots, reducing manual explanation effort by ~40% during peer study sessions.

Well Log Prediction using LSTM + GCN

June 2025

- Developed a hybrid LSTM + GCN model to predict resistivity from gamma ray and porosity across 142 wells.
- Generated multiplex graphs using Spearman correlations to capture dependencies and improve predictive accuracy.
- Fine-tuned the model with Optuna hyperparameter tuning and regularization, achieving ~30% error reduction and R² > 0.8 on test wells
- Built Python pipeline for preprocessing, training, and evaluation, supporting real-time inference and visualization.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded a \$9,500 research grant from Intera Incorporated to support graduate-level research.
- Winner of Datathon, recognized for delivering innovative, data-driven solutions in a competitive setting.