Pratik Mehta

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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Master of Science in Computer Science

Amherst, MA

Aug 2016 - May 2019

D. J. Sanghvi College of Engineering, University of Mumbai

Bachelor of Engineering

Mumbai, India Aug 2011 – Jun 2015

EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Machine Learning & GenAI

 $Nov\ 2020-Jun\ 2024$

Deloitte Digital USI

Mumbai, India

- Successfully designed & developed REST APIs using FastAPI, PostgreSQL, and Llama served over AWS to answer user questions about live quantitative enterprise KPI data for Beta testing by a few thousand users
- Personally initiated driving deep changes to the in-house black-box testing practice for LLM-in-the-loop applications for use across clients
- Developed use-cases and AI-adoption strategies for AI-aspirant enterprise clients

Research Engineer

Aug. 2015 – Jul. 2016

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

Mumbai, India

- Trained and deployed phrase-based statistical machine translation systems for English-Marathi and English-Indonesian using medical-domain textbooks
- Designed an error analysis engine to identify and classify syntactic errors in translations, and developed a greedy algorithm for automatic post-editing, evaluated via BLEU scores and human evaluators

Research Assistant

June 2018 – Sept 2018

Information Sciences Institute, University of Southern California

Waltham, MA

• Studied correlation between different evaluation metrics for machine-translation systems and their downstream impact on cross-lingual search applications

Publications

The IIT Bombay English-Hindi parallel corpus | LREC '18

The challenges of optimizing machine translation for low-resource CLIR | EMNLP '19

Investigating the potential of post-ordering SMT output to improve translation quality | ICON '15

PROJECTS

$\textbf{Sony Persona-Grounded Commonsense Reasoning challenge - API track} \mid \textit{Alcrowd contest}$

May 2025

• Tweaked prompts, API, and parameter choice to improve tool-calling accuracy for a videogame NPC agent

Alfred: LLM powered dispatch of hyper-personalized notifications | Llama

Jan 2024

• Conceptualized and developed a proof-of-concept system to track users' plain-language notification preferences and notify them based on live-data events in the application

LegalEase: Cross-lingual semantic search engine | Cohere. Qdrant & lablab.ai

Mar 2023

- Developed an application that answers questions factually based on lengthy legal documents (now called Retrieval Augmented Generation)
- Also developed a multi-lingual semantic search engine for any-language-query to any-language-document retrieval

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Rust, SQL (Postgres), HTML Frameworks: FastAPI, gradio, streamlit, qdrant, pytorch Developer Tools: Git, Docker, VS Code, RustRover

Libraries: pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn