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EDUCATION

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

May 2023

Master of Science, Data Science (GPA: 3.9)

Relevant Coursework: NLP, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Cloud Computing, Algorithm Design

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

May 2021

Bachelor of Science, Engineering Science

Minor, Engineering Mechanics

Relevant Coursework: Computer Methods in Engineering Science, Analysis in Engineering Science

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- **Programming Languages**: Python, R, SQL, MongoDB, Neo4j
- Tools: AWS, MySQL, Tableau, MATLAB, GitHub, HTML, Google Collab, Word, Excel
- Certifications: LinkedIn Learning: Tableau for Data Scientists

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Comparative Analysis of Vision Transformers | Python

2023

 Built a Vision Transformer to classify Chest X-Rays into different lung diseases, increasing the baseline model accuracy by 8.5%. Tools: PyTorch, Timm Library, cv2

Traffic Sign Classification Using Deep Learning | Python

2022

Finetuned Capsule Neural Network and CNN to classify traffic signs, reaching an accuracy of 93% and 95% respectively, and explained models using LIME. Tools: Pytorch, PIL, sklearn, NumPy

Sentiment Analysis on Twitter Airline Data Using Transformer-Based Model | Python

2022

• Combined BERT and MLP to classify Twitter data, achieving an accuracy of 76%, and implemented Integrated Gradients to explain model's reliability. Tools: Pytorch, NumPy, pandas, Scikit-learn, seaborn

Wine Quality Prediction Using Machine Learning | Python

2022

• Created a pipeline to preprocess the data, find optimal learning rate through hyperparameter tuning through Grid Search, and determine the best performing model. Tools: TensorFlow, matplotlib, seaborn

WORK EXPERIENCE

Broadstreet Institute, Remote | *Quality Assurance Data Analyst*

Aug 2022-Nov 2022

• Verified the integrity of COVID-19 data and reduced human errors by 20% by comparing manually generated datasets against NYT data sources

D.L. Howell & Associates, West Chester, PA | *Civil Designer*

May 2021-Jan 2022

- Successfully optimized the scope of a multi-million-dollar project by increasing the number of residential developments by 10% through strategic housing design
- Assisted project managers in assessing benefits and risks by analyzing cost estimates, project timelines, and impact on communities
- Supported business development efforts by providing professional engineers with data and policy reports prior to decision-making process

Penn State Ultrasound Lab, University Park, PA | *Undergraduate Researcher*

Sept 2019-May 2021

- Analyzed ultrasonic data to identify the optimal wave speed for reducing defects in metals, leveraging statistical tests and data visualization to optimize results
- Automated calculation of mean and standard deviation values to reduce experiment duration by writing MATLAB code
- Synthesized findings into recommendations and presented data visuals to effectively communicate valuable insights and technical concepts to cross functional team

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULARS

The George Washington University, Washington, DC | *Teaching Assistant* **Data Science Association**, Washington, DC | *Cabinet Member*

Aug 2022-May 2023 Jul 2022-May 2023