MACHINE LEARNING AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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EXPERIENCE

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPER, INTACT LABS - JAN 2022 - PRESENT

- Trained RoBERTa model on call transcripts to predict reason of call.
- Implemented masked language modelling for further pre-training to increase f1-score by 10%.
- Performed EDA to identify properties from metadata that improve model performance.
- Used the EDA to make the data annotation process more efficient by using regex tools to help annotators classify transcripts more effectively.
- Used the EDA to understand the distribution of our target labels to create a sampling method to statistically ensure a uniform distribution of labels during training.
- Performed **principal component analysis** to identify the caller as highly indicative of the reason of call and used that information to further improve model performance by **5**%.
- Created heuristic labelling functions to classify data. Computed the labeling propensity, accuracy as determined by weighted majority vote and pairwise correlations to train an intermediate model to label a large dataset. Used this statistically labeled dataset to train a RoBERTa model. This **mitigated the problem of scarce annotated data** for classification purposes.

Key words: PyTorch, Python, Snowflake, Snorkel, PowerBI, BERT, RoBERTA, Transformers, NLP, PCA, Exploratory Data Analysis

CO-FOUNDER, CONNCT, JAN 2019 - JAN 2020

- Developed a web app to aid and automate work done by social media influencers, increasing engagement by **50%** for macro influencers and **100%** for nano and micro influencers. The platform also increased following dramatically. The platform focused on influencers on Instagram.
- Understanding of Facebook's graph API to create web app.
- Used **Google's vision API** to understand semantics of an image and Google's natural language API to read captions and comments to understand what the post is about and monitor the general sentiment of a users post and automatically remove negative discourse.
- Used **DeepAl API** to use the image and language information to formulate comments automatically to interact with users on Instagram.
- Platform created using NodeJS for backend and server side programming, implemented AJAX to buffer data before the user needed it to improve interactivity with the platform, used MongoDB to store account information securely, Circle CI for CI/CD and test coverage, Heroku for deployment, Postman for testing HTTP requests to server, Sentry for error monitoring and GitHub for version control.
- Explored many projects to help with market research, like Twint for twitter **data scraping**. This was used specifically to scrape tweets from users that analysed source code for various applications to understand upcoming features for Instagram and get a better understanding about the direction in which the industry was moving.
- Numerous pitches to investors throughout the process. Secured an offer for \$200k.

Key Words: Google API, NodeJS, GitHub, AJAX, Heroku, Continuous integration and deployment, Facebook Graph API, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Sentiment Analysis, Entrepreneur, Startup

CO-FOUNDER, DREAMTUNE - JAN 2020 - JUL 2020

- Web app to help public rights organisations identify and gather evidence against illegal use of copyrighted content.
- Made the process exponentially more efficient while requiring **60%** less time of the employees by working with Dataclef to create a **CRM platform** to help identify and follow up on leads.
- Created case study reports analysing the potential impact of our algorithm and found **\$2.6 Billion** in lost revenue. Reports vetted by Mario Grech and SOCAN (Canada's national music rights organisation).

- React for frontend, NodeJS backend, firebase database, cheerio on NodeJS for web scraping, Circle CI for CI/CD and test coverage, Heroku for deployment and GitHub for version control.
- Acquisition interest from Dataclef but called off due to the global pandemic.

Key Words: Firebase, CRM, NodeJS, React, Heroku, Acquisition, Entrepreneur, Startup

RESEARCHER, MCGILL ROSALIND & MORRIS GOODMAN CANCER INSITUTE - MAR 2022 - PRESENT

- Goal is to create a model to **predict whether cancer will progress** to the next stage or not using images of cell tissue (stained with different metals to make different images) (immunostaining).
- Cell identification pipeline to accurately distinguish cells across diverse tissue micro-evironments and resolve low resolution structures. Our method outperforms the current state of the art segmentation tools among multiple accuracy measures.
- Using the data after processing from the pipeline above, the goal is formulated as a graph problem
 and a GNN architecture is used to understand the spatial structures formed by cells to predict if the
 cancer will progress.
- A **CNN**, pre-trained on binary images, is also used to benchmark the performance of the model (each cell type is on a different channel of the image).

Key Words: Convolutional Neural Network, Graph Neural Network, immunostaining, PyTorch, Research

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant at the Learning and Neural Development Lab at UofT. Analysed brain data to predict when an individual formed a memory.
- Teaching Assistant at UofT for an intro to Al course and an intro to programming course.
- Quantitative Software Engineer at Spire Trading. Wrote algorithms to trade autonomously on the stock market

PROJECTS

ALGORITHMIC TRADING PROJECT - MAY 2021 - AUG 2021

- Goal was to understand the strengths and weaknesses of various machine learning algorithms for predicting stock prices.
- Used deep architectures like MLPs, CNNs and LSTMs and non-deep methods like SVMs, Decision Trees and Random Forests with Bagging and Boosting.
- PCA to determine the most important technical indicators for stock price prediction.
- Twitter scraping for **sentiment analysi**s on different securities.
- Use of AlphaVantage API for realtime stock market data.

OTHER PROJECTS

- Neural Network style transfer in images using Cycle-GAN (Research Project)
- Security drone to escort students across campus at night (Hackathon project at Harvard. Top 5 finish)
- Virtual trainer IOS app that builds workouts based on body type (classified using a model trained with transfer learning, fine tuned on manually labeled dataset) and intended target muscles

EDUCATION

University of Toronto — Honours in the Bachelor of Science - **High Distinction**Computer Science specialist with a focus in **Artificial Intelligence** and a minor in **Math**Yearly GPA: 3.83 | 2.67 | 3.79 | 3.9

HACKATHONS

- May 2022, Mentor and Judge for TOHacks
- Feb 2019, Top 5 finish at MakeHarvard
- · Feb 2021, Stanford TreeHacks
- Sep 2019, Elevate Tech Jam, 7th place for IoT device for WLAN throttling interface
- Sept 2018, Orbis Challenge, 5th place for AI that plays splix.io