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OBJECTIVE: Seeking a Research-Focused Machine Learning Engineer position to utilize 4+ years of experience and a strong aptitude for problem-solving in developing and implementing innovative solutions within a dynamic and challenging environment.

WORK EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR COMPUTATIONAL BRAIN RESEARCH, IIT MADRAS 2021-2025

ML and Computer Vision Research Intern 2024-2025

- Developed Automated Image Registration and Stacking for Histological Images. Repurposed various **SOTA MRI** based registration pipelines for histological images by optimizing it to handle large histological images (200GB+/image).
- Developed a novel optimized pipeline for finding errors within the annotated anatomical structures by adopting the best practices from geospatial data processing.
- Implemented an end to end ETL pipeline using **Dask and Pytorch** which leveraged the existing anatomical data stored in geospatial format to stream asynchronously **100K patches/s** of large histological for training the deep learning models.
- Contributed to the development of **RAG based QA** system for Neuroscience based projects.
- Strategised and implemented model serving in house DGX A100 cluster using **NVIDIA Triton Inference Server** for the developed models.
- Developed automated CI/CD pipeline to integrate with the frontend using Jenkins and Docker
- Contributed in deploying in-house code suggestion tool using **AST based code generation** for the research team using Mistral 7B. Supplemented it with subject based knowledge graph to further enhance the code suggestion. Worked with the front end team to develop the chrome based plugin for the code suggestion tool.

IBG CONSULTING 2021-2024

Business Analyst 2021-2024

- Contributed to strategic decision-making by developing a machine learning model leveraging **PyTorch and NIXTLA**. This model analyzed commodity options and futures market trading patterns to assess the viability of sales and export demand in international markets relevant to the company's raw material procurement and improved the turn around time of the warehouse stock by 20%.
- Fine Tuned **T5** based model using PEFT to eliminate jargon within the published analyst reports to make available corpus more streamlined for downstream tasks improving the pipeline efficiency by approx 30%.

CODERSTRUST 2017

Digital Marketing Strategist 2017

NIELSEN SPORTS 2016

Digital Analyst 2016

AWARDS

First Place, PixelMind AI Hackathon 2023

- Created an AI Agent using **RL** by leveraging the MAXIM and SPLINET for automatically enhancing high-resolution photography images.

Third Place, DSA Challenge, IITM 2023

9th Place, WorldQuant Alpha Challenge 2023

- Developed Simulated Annealing based Genetic Algorithm which used the PnL generated by the Alpha as a heuristic. The automated alpha generation used AST based code generation to meet the competition requirements. The guided search algorithm further refines the alpha using **SGD** based optimization.

EDUCATION

B.S. Data Science and Programming, IIT Madras	2024
BSc Information Technology, SMU	2018

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

POINTWISE TEMPORAL FUSION TRANSFORMER.....	
• Redesigned Temporal Fusion Transformer from ground up to handle multi horizon prediction in non-stationary financial data. The novelty is in the ability to perform like a deep time index model for time series forecasting tasks. Custom training loop was developed to handle the large training and utilized 8 A100 GPUs to train the model in 3 days. Finally outperforming the best solution published in the original kaggle challenge. Rewrote the code from Tensorflow to Pytorch Lightning to leverage FSDP for distributed training. 🏆	
ONDC INDEXING SYSTEM.....	
• Retrained existing JINA LLM embedding model to handle indian categorical data for the ONDC project. The model was optimized to handle the large scale data and was deployed using Google Kubernetes Engine(GCP) and also Vertex AI endpoint using GRPC. The model was also further optimized using attention layer fusion to optimize for large scale data. Further also created custom docker image to handle the model serving using NVIDIA Triton Inference Server. 🏆	
SPARSE EMBEDDING TRANSFORMER MODEL OPTIMIZATION.....	
• Optimized the existing NAVER SPLADER model based on BERT to embed categorical information using max-pooling. Reused weights from a model which was trained on a contrastive learning task to further optimize the model. Main optimization objective was to keep the VRAM usage to a minimum. Engineered the model in two parts to handle both document and query embeddings to further optimize the model for the large scale data.	

SKILLS

Languages	Python, JavaScript, C
Frameworks	TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Pytorch Lightning, Git, Flask, Django, ONNX, GCP, AWS, Kubernetes, Docker, Dask, PySpark