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## EDUCATION

**Northeastern University (GPA: 4.00)**

*"September 2023 – December 2025"*

**Master of Science, Artificial Intelligence**

Boston, MA

*Courses: Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Design Patterns, Algorithms, NLP, MLOps, Master's Research (KAN & RL), AI for HCI (Audit)*

**Vellore Institute of Technology (GPA: 9.11)**

*"July 2017 – June 2021"*

**Bachelor of Technology, Electronics and Communications Engineering**

Chennai, India

*Courses: Statistics, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory, Data Structures, Machine Learning, Digital Image Processing.*

## ACADEMIC And INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

**Institute for Experiential AI**

*"Jan 2025 – Present"*

AI Research Assistant

Boston, MA

- Working with **Dr. Agata Lapedriza Garcia, Dr. Natalie Shapira, and Dr. David Bau** synthesizing **Vision Language Model (VLM) Theory-of-Mind papers** into a **taxonomy and experimental design framework**, operationalizing model cognition evaluation.
- Optimized GPU-accelerated inference pipeline (PyTorch + vllm)** reducing evaluation latency by **80%** (3h to 30min) across **Vision Language Models (VLM)**, enabling faster multi-modal experimentation.

Data Scientist, Generative AI

Portland, ME

- Architected & deployed production-grade RAG system (AWS Lambda, EC2, FAISS, OpenSearch)** for a Reference Management Company, achieving **90% latency reduction** for **10K+ users**: improved retrieval precision by **40%** for user forum queries.
- Performed statistical corpus analysis** across **100K+ heterogeneous documents** to identify user patterns, designed and implemented filtering heuristics, and established evaluation framework measuring **hallucination rates and retrieval accuracy** in production environment.
- Developed and deployed Text Extraction and Classification XGBoost model** achieving **85% F1-score** on **imbalanced datasets (10:1)**, automating extraction pipelines for a **Legal Consulting Firm**.
- Experimented on **Encoder, Decoder transformers** with **In-context Learning, ensemble methods, and SMOTE** to select best model.

**Northeastern University**

*"Sept 2024 – December 2024"*

Master's Research Project

- Conducting an ongoing study with **Dr. Rajagopal Venkatesaramani** on evaluating the learning and generalization capabilities of **Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks (KANs)** on real-world data distributions.
- Implemented and compared **linear regression baselines, distillation pipelines, and KAN-DQN / KAN-Double DQN** agents on Atari environments (Pong, Assault), analyzing training dynamics, overfitting behavior, and delayed-action prediction failures.
- Extending this work to characterize **breaking-point conditions** for KANs.

**Amazon**

*"Jan 2021 – Aug 2023"*

Application Engineer III

Chennai, India

- Reduced ticket volume by 35%** through strategic automation initiatives, **improving operational efficiency** and freeing up resources for high-priority tasks.
- Directed a cross-team Operational Excellence initiative**, designing and implementing scalable solutions that enhanced workflow efficiency and **reduced engineering hours by 20+ hours monthly**.
- Built ETL pipeline** processing cluster metrics, designed executive **QuickSight dashboard surfacing utilization patterns** and cost anomalies, enabling leadership to eliminate waste and **right-size resources across Data Science/Engineering teams**.
- Owned operational reliability for production data systems** serving Amazon Exports Organization, maintaining 99.9% uptime. Implemented proactive monitoring and reporting pipelines (**Redshift, S3, SQL, QuickSight**) for Applied Science/Engineering teams, established incident response protocols, and **performed root cause analysis to prevent recurring failures**.

Software Support Engineer II

Chennai India

- Built and deployed an automated metrics aggregation utility** that reduced manual reporting overhead by 80% for service owners. Designed data collection and aggregated service-level metrics computation, and **scaled solution across 5+ engineering teams**, improving operational visibility for stakeholders.
- Owned production release cycle as designated **release engineer** for **6 end customer production pipelines**, ensuring zero-downtime deployments and maintaining 99.9% service availability throughout tenure.

**Antpod**

*"April 2020 – December 2020"*

AI Research Engineer

Chennai, India

- Core researcher in the development of unmanned vehicle systems for remote soil health analysis.
- Designed and built a Deep Neural Classification model (TensorFlow, Keras)** to segment images from the dataset and perform **classification on plant diseases**.

## TEACHING & MENTORING

Teaching Assistant

“Jan 2024 – Dec 2024”

- Worked as a Teaching Assistant for the course **CS5100 – Foundations of AI** in **Spring’24** and **Fall’24** for Dr. Rajagopal Venkatesaramani.
- **Responsibilities:** Supported students with conceptual questions, assignments, and project guidance; evaluated homework and exams. **Highlight:** Delivered a full guest lecture on **Gradient Descent** for the course.

## SKILLS

- **Core AI/ML:** Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Transformers, Generative AI, Reinforcement Learning
- **Frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Hugging Face, OpenAI Gymnasium, LangChain, vllm, ollama
- **Machine Learning Operations (MLOps):** MLFlow, DVC, TFDV, CI/CD, Docker, Apache Airflow
- **Data Engineering:** FAISS, OpenSearch, PostgreSQL, ETL Pipelines, Data Validation
- **Cloud & DevOps:** AWS, GCP, GitHub Actions
- **Programming:** Python, Java, C++, SQL, Shell
- **Specialties:** RAG Systems, Vision-Language Models, LLM Evaluation, Applied Research, Experimentation Frameworks

## CERTIFICATIONS

- (Coursera) Machine Learning, Digital Image Processing, Deep learning using TensorFlow, Natural Language Processing
- (CITI) Conflict of Interest, Human Subject Research, Responsible Conduct of Research for Engineers.

## PROJECTS

**Disease Prediction & Medical RAG system:** [\[GitHub\]](#), Team Lead, Sept 2025 – present  
Leading end-to-end **MLOps pipeline** development for radiological scan-based disease prediction application. Implementing data versioning (**DVC**), validation (**TFDV**), experiment tracking (**MLFlow**) and **GCP** deployment. **Integrating a QA RAG system** for medical report analysis and diagnostic assistance. Orchestrating the pipeline using **Apache Airflow** DAGs.

**Cite-your-Sources:** [\[GitHub\]](#) May 2025 – June 2025  
Developed and evaluated post-hoc **answer attribution models** for **long-document comprehension**, leveraging text span identification and **Vectara’s HHEM model** to assess citation accuracy – advancing **trustworthy RAG and QA systems** through improved **source grounding**.

**Language Model Interpretability** [\[GitHub\]](#), Oct 2024 – Dec 2024  
**Fine-tuned GPT-2 Small** on emotion classification dataset using **PyTorch and CUDA**. **Analyzed attention mechanisms** through head masking and token replacement techniques. Developed visualization methods for transformer attention patterns.

**RL Tic-tac-toe** [\[GitHub\]](#), May 2024 – June 2024  
Implemented **Q-Learning with multi agent training** in a custom gymnasium environment using different reward schemes. **Optimized state representation** as ternary sequences for efficient training **minimizing memory requirements** to store states.

**LLM generated vs Human text classification** [\[GitHub\]](#), April 2024 – April 2024  
**Fine-tuned ALBERT and DeBERTa-XS** transformers on the DAIGT Proper Train dataset. Achieved **more than 96% accuracy** in detecting AI-generated content. Implemented efficient data preprocessing pipeline and cross-validation framework.

**Image Processor** [\[GitHub\]](#) [\[Demo\]](#) October 2023 – December 2023  
**MVC architecture** Image Processing **java** application with Controller based on **command design pattern**. Implemented comprehensive test suite including **unit and integration tests**. Built a **JSwing UI** for intuitive user experience and accepting user inputs.