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# Sai Nikhil Thirandas

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A mathematician and a Software Engineer solving complex challenging problems for 7 + years. Looking for a long-term career in research oriented roles in the field of Machine Learning (Computer Vision / Natural Language Processing).

#### **Education**

- M.S. in Applied Mathematics (Machine Learning); Northeastern University; Fall 2020 Present; GPA: 3.87/4.0
- Bachelor of Technology (Hons.); Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur; Fall 2009 Spring 2013.
- MOOC: Deep Learning; Mathematics for Data Science; Data Structures; Algorithms; Numerical Analysis.
- Coursework: Applied Linear Algebra; Probability; Applied Statistics; Machine Learning; Mathematical Modeling.

### **Employment**

### **Senior Software Engineer**

#### Hitachi Vantara

Dec 2018 - Aug 2020

- Built a deep learning model for semantic data type detection of fields in a resource in a Data Catalog.
- Automated resume matching process using an NLP model and decreased time spent by recruiting by approximately 80 %.
- Performed sentiment analysis on user ratings for organizations and developed a smart scoring algorithm for work happiness.
- Designed an efficient user visit logging system to calculate the user retention rate of a data catalog system.

# Software Engineer – II

### Oracle India Pvt. Ltd.

Aug 2015 - Nov 2018

- New features implementation and functionality enhancement in the Agile environment using TDD approach.
- Optimized duplicate row detection algorithm using probabilistic approach; reduced time complexity from  $O(n^2)$  to O(n).
- Developed RESTful web service for bulk-uploading data using Angular, Java, Spring, Hibernate, Oracle, Docker.
- Integrated the charting framework ngx-charts into the application and designed multiple UI components.
- Developed an end-to-end (UML Modelling + Backend + Frontend) Bell Notification Feature.

## Software Engineer – R & D

## Altair Engineering Pvt. Ltd.

May 2013 - Aug 2015

- Developed a GUI Automation Software by cloning Sikuli. Implemented standard image processing algorithms including Laplace Edge Detection, Pyramid Template Matching, Alpha blending using OpenCV.
- Adapted Tesseract OCR's code, to increase accuracy in text-recognition for screen fonts from 50 % to 95 %.

### **Projects**

- Transfer Learning with MobileNet Used pre-trained weights of MobileNetV2 on ImageNet dataset. Modified the network architecture by deleting the top layer and adding a new classification layer. Performed training only on the new layer in order to create a binary Alpaca classifier to increase accuracy from 0 % to 99 %.
- FaceNet Face Recognition Encoded face image into 128-dimension feature vector (one-shot learning) using FaceNet. Implemented Triplet Loss function to compare Anchor, Positive, and Negative images in training data. Performed face verification and face recognition using the above encodings.
- **Debiasing Word Vectors** Used 50-dimensional GloVe vectors to represent words. Performed Word Analogy task. Implemented equalization algorithm presented in Boliukbasi et al., 2016 to remove gender bias.
- Neural Machine Translation Implemented NMT model to translate human-readable dates into machine readable dates using a Bidirectional LSTM and Attention Mechanism.
- Matrix Factorization for User Rating Predictions Derived update rules and implemented Weighted Alternating Least Squares for predicting missing user ratings of MovieLens data. Evaluated the algorithm using MSE and found that it is 62 % better than baseline model.
- Data Modeling using Markov Chain Performed Time Series Analysis of average runs of opening batters in baseball from 1871 2015 with a Markov Chain. Calculated autocorrelation between original time series and a simulated time series. Performed GoF test at 5 % significance level to determine valid states of Markov Chain in a two-step transition matrix.

### **Languages and Technologies**

- Python; Java; R; C++; C; SQL; MATLAB; HTML; CSS; TypeScript; XML; JSON; Visual Basic
- tensorflow; PyTorch; scikit-learn; NumPy; SymPy; pandas; matplotlib; Spark; OpenCV; Angular; Spring; JUnit; Mockito
- Git; Jupyter Notebook; Linux; IntelliJ IDEA; PyCharm; Docker; Excel