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EDUCATION

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CHICAGO, IL

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- Bachelor of Science, Computer Science, **3.91/4.0**
- Master of Applied Science, Data Science, **3.85/4.0**

Relevant Courses: Machine Learning, Applied Statistics, Data Mining, Data Prep & Analysis, Big Data Tech

EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Intern

May 2022 - August 2022

Motorola Solutions Inc., Applied Technology (Python, PyTorch, Bash)

Schaumburg, IL

- Reduced 1000+ lines of code: extracted stand-alone Wav2Vec2.0 model from Hugging Face and reduced fine-tuned model delivery time by 1-mo, led to increased productivity to complete 5+ experiments vs. 1 to improve Wav2Vec2.0 for VAD
 - Experimented with building 2 additional model versions, including a CNN and MLP layer, with PyTorch
 - Produced score files to classify every 20ms as speech or non-speech to simplify model evaluation
 - Documented detailed steps from model extraction to model evaluation to reduce time to reproduce results by 40%
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PROJECTS

Late Tax Payment Classifier for Cook County Treasurer's Office (Python, PySpark, Jupyter Notebooks)

- Collaborated with 3 subject-matter experts for 8 weeks with a team of 5, developed classifier with 75% recall to determine which properties will miss payment date, increased predictive capabilities 100%
- Provided ability to allow CCTO to send additional warnings in advance to targeted individuals potentially saving 90% on mailing expenses, additional potential of collecting 100% of taxes on time
- Presented weekly to CCTO to report progress leading to on-time delivery of product

Credit Card Fraud Detection Analysis (R, RStudio)

- Rebalanced training set using SMOTE in R, achieved 65/35 split between positive and negative class from original 99/1
- Led a team of 4 by delegating tasks, creating schedules and meetings, and producing deliverables all by deadline
- Improved accuracy of the logistic model and decision tree model by 12% and 6%, respectively
- Analyzed residuals and correlation to reduce feature size resulting in simpler and more efficient models

Employee Database (SQL, Java, DBeaver, PostgreSQL)

- Implemented a SQL script to create a database with 7 tables used to store employee data
 - Programmed a Java application to communicate with a PostgreSQL database to keep and update employee information
 - Configured database to allow admin, manager, and employee users with different information privileges; improved privacy
 - Managed a team of 3 by organizing meetings and delegating tasks to meet project deadline
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SKILLS AND INVOLVEMENT

Programming Languages: Python (NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, PySpark), R (caret, dplyr), SQL, Java

Technologies: Jupyter Notebooks, Git, DBeaver, PostgreSQL, Linux/Bash, AWS (S3, EC2, EMR), Hadoop, Azure

Certifications: J.P. Morgan's SWE on Forage, Microsoft Learn AI Skills Challenge, Python for Data Science by Uplimit

Extracurricular: Muslim Student Association, Volunteer at Sacred Learning Center, Association for Computing Machinery