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## **Professional Experience**

2046 LLC Hyderabad, India

Chief Science Officer

2023-present

- Led a team of three people managing schedules, performance reviews and daily tasks reporting
- Led the development and deployment of three new bioinformatics pipelines, making processing of bio-assays simple and user-friendly. The pipelines process TeraByte sized biological assays on client facing servers
- O Responsible for integration of LLMs and Deep Learning models into pipelines

#### **Almonk Technologies**

Bengaluru, India

Senior Machine Learning Consultant

2022-2023

- O Image to Latex Optical Character Recognition:
  - Built a novel transformers based OCR system for mathematical equations in PyTorch
  - Achieved 87% BLEU score on image data with noisy background
  - Researched and designed improvements to reduce inference time of the NeuralNet by a factor of 2-10

#### The Jackson Laboratory

Massachusetts, USA

Postdoctoral Associate

2020-2022

- O Attention Mechanism for Biological Assays:
  - Lead the effort to build a nextflow pipeline to create the first dataset of matching mouse and Human DNA features (enhancers) using Deep Learning.
  - Achieved 83% accuracy in predicting enhancer-promoter links. The model used LSTM attention and
     1-D convolution to predict expensive ground truth assay outputs from inexpensive assays like ATAC-seq
- O Deep Learning Model for COVID:
  - Designed the architecture for using 2D CNN model on patient CT scan images
  - Reduced the data requirement for CT scans by a factor of 5, by using transfer learning from 2D CNNs to 3D models
  - Reduced false positives by 20% using the 3D architecture

#### University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Illinois, USA

Postdoctoral Associate

2018-2019

- O Dimensionality Reduction for Gene Expression Data:
  - Invented an online matrix factorization algorithm, with proven stochastic convergence guarantees, for computing basis elements representative of the underlying gene expression signature
  - Published in NeurIPS 2019, the algorithm reduced computation requirements by a factor of 100 while speeding up convergence

#### **Education**

#### University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

USA

2013-2018

Ph.D, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Thesis: Data Estimation and Recovery for Distributed Storage Systems

#### Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

India

B. Tech-M. Tech. Dual Degree, Electrical Engineering

## **Projects**

### Neural Machine Translation (NMT) for English to German

- Implemented the "Attention is all you need" paper from scratch in Pytorch
- Also implemented EncoderDecoder Model using transfer learning from BERT LLMs
- Improved performance of NMT to a BLEU score >0.2 by adding weighted entropy loss function and NER (named entity recognition) block
- Deployed the LLM EncoderDecoder model using bentoml

#### Face Recognition

- Developed a Siamese Network for Face-Recognition using transfer learning on ResNet-50
- Trained the model on multiple GPUs using DDP (Distributed Data Parallel)
- Achieved 90% accuracy on the ATT test dataset

#### Land Usage Pattern Recognition

Omdena Douala Chapter, Volunteer Project

- Identified and Scraped datasets for land usage and land cover for the West African landscape
- Developed and Deployed a U-Net model for aerial image segmentation achieving a pixel accuracy of 77% for 10 classes
- Worked with a global team of 20 people to lead the project to completion

## **Skills and Achievements**

- Solved a 75 year old open problem in statistical theory (group testing) during PhD
- Key Skills: Programming, Algorithms, Mathematics, Data Science, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Kaggle, Statistics and Probability, Research, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Sentiment Analysis, Recommender Systems
- Technologies: Matlab, R Programming, SQL, git version control, Azure, AWS, GCP, Sagemaker, Docker, Azure Data Factory, Distributed Training, CI/CD, Distributed Computing, Data Products, Linux, Bash Shell Scripting
- ML Tools & Techniques: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Pytorch Lightning, Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, scikit-learn, NLTK, MLOPS, GPT, Llama2, supervised learning - decision trees, random forests, ensemble methods - bagging and boosting, unsupervised learning - k-means clustering
- Volunteering: Isha Foundation Save Soil Media Team (2022-)