# Veer Pareek

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# Education

### **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

Bachelor of Sciences in Data Science, Minors in Computer Science, French

Champaign, IL Aug. 2021 – May 2025

# Experience

# **Machine Learning Intern**

June 2023 – August 2023

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Palo Alto, CA

- Harnessed Generative AI to build a model that translates natural language queries into actionable, compliable TQL (SQL copilot) code.
- Built a consumer-facing documentation chatbot using OpenAI embeddings and LangChain, with Google search functionality. First intern project to be incorporated in the distributed platform.

**Data Science Intern** 

May 2022 – August 2022

San Mateo, CA

NextPhase.AI

- Enhanced data automation quality through visualization using Apache Superset; developed parameterized dashboards in Power BI and Excel from employee skills survey data, enabling managers to filter by skills like Technical, People, and Leadership.
- Integrated ZoomInfo to help prospect higher quality deals. Used profiling criteria such as technology stacks and current platforms used, along with categories like revenue, location, etc., to curate a list of targets.

# **Projects**

#### AlphaGAT / C, CUDA

May 2024 – Present

- Reimplementation of Google's original AlphaZero paper in pure C and CUDA for maximum efficiency
- Enhanced the algorithm by replacing the ResNet with a GAT (Graph Attention Network) to improve the representation of the chessboard in the Monte Carlo Tree Search algorithm
- Still in progress, but as of now achieving faster training times with similar chess ELO, working on improving it

# CereLex / Python, PyTorch, CUDA

June 2024 – Present

- Wake word detection using EEGs to attempt to replicate a "Hey Siri/ Alexa" from EEG scans using the ZuCo2 dataset
- Implemented a streaming transformer in torch for accuracy chunk detection, rather than full sentence
- Training in CUDA for speedup

### **GPThrive** / Python, PyTorch, NumPy, TRLX, Gradio

June 2023 – September 2023

- A 2B GPT model built from scratch for a therapy use case, with a phone call mode that allows the user to talk and the llm to respond, gradio for frontend
- Used innovative data generation and RLAIF techniques to rigorously ensure answers are therapy-applicable
- Used "Attention is all you need", "Language Models are Few-Shot Learners" and Andrej Karpathy's YouTube tutorials

### **Skills**

Languages: C/C++, Python, Java, SQL, HTML, CSS, R Libraries: PyTorch, CUDA, TensorFlow, JAX, TRLX

Frameworks: Node.js, Flask, Swift, MySQL, Neo4j, MongoDB, Redis

Concepts: Deep Learning, High-Performance Computing, Research and Development, Data Analysis, CI/CD