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Education

University of Waterloo & Wilfrid Laurier University

Waterloo, Canada

Bachelor of Computer Science and Business Administration (Major Average 94.8 / 100)

Sep 2020 - Aug 2025

Artificial Intelligence Specialization + Finance Concentration

Experiences

Quantitative Developer | Boosted.ai

Jan 2024 – Apr 2024

- Rewrite the factor model algorithm which reduces 10,000+ customer models' daily inference time by over 90%. The algorithm uses numpy, Clickhouse, and PostgreSQL to efficiently compute economic factor values for every publicly listed security and ETF each day.
- Developed the investment style matching feature facing 1000+ institutional clients using **Python**, **gRPC**, and **protobuf**. The feature analyzes client's portfolios and reports the fitness of their selected investment style.
- Added features in the **Boosted.ai trading algorithm** to optimize daily stock selection for all the company's clients. The added features expand the algorithm's capabilities to construct portfolios that align closer with the client's needs.
- Developed the **AI commentary features** facing 1000+ institutional clients which use the power of **large language models** (**LLMs**) to **create textual analysis** on the clients' portfolios against various macro topics.

LLM Researcher | University of Waterloo

Sep 2023 – Aug 2024

- Supervised by Professor Chen Wenhu & PhD Candidate Jiang Dongfu, I **led the thesis paper** on applying direct preference optimization (DPO) techniques to create a new reward model for code generation tasks.
- Utilized 50+ pre-trained LLMs to make inferences on 10+ datasets using tools such as **Huggingface Transformers** and **vLLM**. Then create a new reward model based on the **Pairwise Reward Model** architecture.
- Developed the MFuyu project, where we explored LLMs' ability to reason about multiple images. Created a new multi-image benchmark dataset from over 17 existing datasets. Then fine-tuned the Fuyu model using the Huggingface transformers library to create a custom model capable of reasoning over multiple images.

LLM Researcher | Wilfrid Laurier University

Sep 2023 – Aug 2024

- Supervised by Professor Diego Amaya, I **led the thesis paper** on applying LLMs on **sentiment predictions on market news**. In contrast to previous research, this paper will take a deeper dive into the technical aspects of LLMs in hopes of **improving accuracy** against even the highest-performing general-purpose model such as ChatGPT4.
- Created a new dataset based on Dow Jones News Wires and Wharton Research Data Service to label each news with sentiment
 tags. Then finetuned existing LLMs such as Bert, Mistral, and Llama using Huggingface Transformers and QLoRA.

Data Scientist | CIBC - Gallant MacDonald

Jan 2023 – Apr 2023

- Developed the **quantitative portfolio builder**, which can construct a portfolio whose return is within ±2.8% of the desired return using **QSolver** to provide insight into the more "obscure" alternative investment hedge funds.
- Developed the market analysis report that presents hundreds of market trend graphs to team members in less than 3 minutes. The algorithm is created with **Morningstar API**, **pandas**, and **Seaborn**.

Software Engineer | Siemens Healthineers

Jan 2022 – Apr 2022

- Developed and maintained the Android program NXS for Epoc Blood Analysis System's host-4 device using **Android Studio** and **Java**.
- Fixed the Glucose conversion issue and improved its performance by 70%. This issue arose from incorrect **asynchronous saving logic** with **Realm database** and **Reactive Java**.

Skills

- Languages: Java, Python, C++, C, C#, Go, SQL, Bash, JavaScript, HTML/CSS
- Tools: Hugging Face, Pytorch, Protobuf, Scikit-Learn, Keras, Pandas, NumPy, Seaborn, Slurm, gRPC, Protobuf, GraphQL, Clickhouse, PostgreSQL, REST API, Argo, Postman, Git, SVN, Jenkins, Tableau, Android Studio, React