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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania | Penn Engineering *Aug. 2023 – May. 2025*
M.S.E. in Data Science
Relevant Courses: Data Structure and Algorithms, Machine Learning, Distributed Systems, Deep Learning, Large Language Models, Computer Vision
GPA: 4.00/4.00

University of Nottingham | School of Mathematical Science *Sep. 2019-Jul. 2023*
B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics
Relevant Courses: Statistical Models and Methods, Probability Models and Methods, Econometrics
GPA: 3.92/4.00 (Top 5%)
Honors: Dean's scholarship

The London School of Economics and Political Science *Jun. 2021 – Jul. 2021*
Summer Course Program in Computational Methods for Financial Mathematics
Grade: A+

TECHNICAL SKILLS

ML & AI Engineering Skills: Experience in end-to-end ML and implementing CI/CD pipelines. Experience in deploying models to cloud services (AWS, Azure). Experienced in working with ML platforms (Dataiku, SageMaker). Expertise in LLM technologies and AI infra. Strong experience with Generative AI models.
Data Science Skills: Proficiency in large-scale systems data analysis and statistical modelling.
Programming Languages: C++, Python, SQL, Java, Spark, MATLAB
Platforms & Tools: Google Cloud, Amazon Web Services, RDMS, MYSQL, R Studio, Tableau, Power BI

WORK EXPERIENCE

AI Engineer, SAP *Jun.2024 – Now*
- Developed **full-stack AI-powered platform** for sales professionals, enabling rapid customer analysis with high precision and actionable insights.
- Built **multi-modal conversational AI system** featuring context-aware responses, intelligent citation support, and dynamic company-specific knowledge base integration.
- Architected **cache-first infrastructure** reducing API overhead by 60% through strategic multi-tier caching implementation (Redis, PostgreSQL, Streamlit).
- Engineered automated PDF processing pipeline incorporating **OCR** capabilities, **S3 cloud storage**, and intelligent **metadata management** for seamless content extraction.
- **Optimized ranking algorithms** to deliver superior match quality with significantly reduced false positives, enhancing sales account planning workflow efficiency.

AI Engineer Intern, Alibaba Cloud *Feb. 2024 – Sep.2024*
- Designed and built a **scalable RAG**-based **chatbot system** on distributed architecture using **cloud service**，deployed with **FastAPI** and maintained system scalability & performance.
- Developed a **multimodal module**, optimized **LLM reasoning** by **fine-tuning**, **prompting** techniques and developed agents to improve conversation quality.
- Developed ElasticSearch (ES) **vector database**, optimized database loader, semantic **search** and **ranking algorithms**, increasing the recall accuracy of 4.5% and recall speed of 15%.
- Used the **CI/CD pipeline** to automate deploying the optimized LLM model to production and created a diagnostics platform for real-time monitoring & analysis of LLM **distributed training**, ensuring effective **performance tracking**.

Generative AI Intern, Wharton Analytics *Sep. 2023 – Feb.2024*
- Developed a **Machine Learning** solution for Hearst Corporation to automatically align magazine content with marketplace taxonomy.
- Employed and optimized **PySpark** for **distributed data processing** on large volumes of HTML data. Leveraged Delta Lake to manage data versioning and maintain a reliable, auditable data pipeline.
- Used **AWS** for building, training, and deploying the NLP models. **Fine-tuned** BERT for **NLP** semantic analysis.
- Achieved a 78% tagging accuracy rate, leading to a 15% increase in user engagement and a 10% boost in sales.

Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Experian *Jan. 2023-Sep. 2023*
- Developed data preprocessing pipeline on 13GB user interaction data to prepare for building risk control model.
- Conducted **feature engineering**, selecting 35 key features from 5000+ features by feature importance and variable correlation. Derived 89 new variables based on real business.
- Deployed **risk control model** to determine whether to give credits to clients by using machine learning models, such as **logistic regression**, **XGBoost** and **LightGBM,** achieving accuracy of 0.85 classifying good & bad clients.