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EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Intern

Mar. 2024 – Current

trufflepig.ai Remote

- Implemented document ingestion, **FAISS** vector search and reranking with both Cohere Rerank API and BGE cross-encoders on PDFs from finance, patent law and academia domain.
- Evaluating hit rates and mean reciprocal ranks from BGE-m3 and MiniLM based cross-encoders by orchestrating GPT-4 and Hermes-2-Pro-Llama3 to generate over 10k synthetic queries and evaluate rerank outputs.

Machine Learning Intern

Sep. 2023 – Current

Salk Institute for Biological Studies

San Diego, CA

- Training protein **Transformers** and **variational autoencoders** in **Keras** on multiple sequence alignments from over 6 million protease and integrase sequences, applying sparse autoencoders for epistasis analysis.
- Developed a **PCA**-based tool for cryo-EM data selection to complement clustering analysis in cryo-DRGN, uncovering new protein structures by surpassing traditional K-means and GMM clustering limitations.

Software Engineer

Dec. 2021 - Jul. 2022

Awesung Inc.

Cranbury, NJ

- Optimized logistics operations using previously unincorporated third-party data, devised operational plans by analyzing data with **Pandas** and **Matplotlib**, reduced Item-Not-Received complaints by **15**% in two months.
- Developed a logistics management application using **React.js**, **Django**, and **MySQL**.
- Optimized MySQL database schema and queries, reducing serialization time by 20% and RestAPI response times by 50%, improving performance and user experience.

PROJECTS

Medilora — Large language models, Fine-tuning

Oct. 2023 - Dec. 2023

- Fine-tuned OpenHermes-2.5-Mistral-7B with Q-LoRA using Axolotl on 300 million medical text tokens.
- Improved PubMedQA and MedQA evaluation scores by over 20%, matching the state-of-the-art 70B Meditron on MMLU-Medical with 0.05% of the data size.

Open-ended Document Classification — Large language models, Classification

May 2023 - Jun. 2023

• Implemented the recursive summarization method in 2109.10862 by generating summaries for ArXiv papers using ChatGPT API and generating open-ended class labels with **RoBERTa**.

CompassX Platform — Software Engineering

Jan. 2023 - Jun. 2023

• Founding developer of CompassX at UCSD, led full-stack development using **Flask**, **JavaScript**, and **PostgreSQL**, scaling data schema and backend to support multi-college expansion.

EDUCATION

University of California San Diego

La Jolla, CA

M.S. Data Science. GPA: 3.5

Sep. 2022 - Present

- Courses and Involvements Attention/Diffusion Reading Group, RL/LLM seminar, Search and Optimization, Learning Algorithms, Maths of Deep Learning, Scalable Data Systems, Text Mining, Statistical Modeling
- Teaching Assistant DSC 30: Data Structures & Algorithms

University of Washington Seattle

Seattle, WA

B.S. Informatics. GPA: 3.5

Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, Java, SQL, JavaScript, R

Computing Libraries: Keras, PyTorch, XGBoost, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

Frameworks: React, Django, Node.js, Flask, JUnit **Tools**: Git, Docker, Linux, AWS, Vim, Jupyter