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EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Intern

Sep. 2023 – Current

San Diego, CA

Salk Institute for Biological Studies

- Training autoregressive **Transformers** and **variational autoencoders** using **PyTorch** on 3 million natural protease sequences and 6 million synthetic drug experienced HIV protease sequences to interpret drug-resistant epistasis in HIV enzymatic targets.
- Developed a **PCA**-based tool for filtering cryogenic electron microscopy image data to complement clustering-based analysis in cryo-DRGN, uncovering new insight in protein structures by surpassing traditional K-means and GMM clustering limitations.

Machine Learning Intern

Mar. 2024 – Jun. 2024

trufflepig.ai

Remote

- Developed and integrated a document ingestion and retrieval pipeline using **FAISS** for vector search and reranking, applying both Cohere Rerank API and BGE cross-encoders to PDFs across finance, patent law, and academia.
- Conducted extensive evaluations of hit rates and mean reciprocal ranks for BGE-m3 and MiniLM cross-encoders, leveraging GPT-4 and Hermes-2-Pro-Llama3 to generate over 10,000 synthetic queries for reranking performance.
- Deployed an open-source cross-encoder model to Azure, boosting retrieval pipeline accuracy by over 10% and reducing reliance on external dependencies.

Software Engineer

Dec. 2021 - Jul. 2022

Awesung Inc.

Cranbury, NJ

- Developed an internal logistics management application using **React.js**, **Django**, and **MySQL**, centralizing critical operation data previously scattered across multiple platforms.
- Optimized MySQL database schema and queries, reducing serialization time by 20% and RestAPI response times by 50%, improving performance and user experience.
- 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.

PROJECTS

Medilora — Large language models, Fine-tuning

Oct. 2023 - Dec. 2023

- $\bullet \ \ \text{Fine-tuned OpenHermes-2.5-Mistral-7B with Q-LoRA using } \textbf{Axolotl} \ \text{on } 300 \ \text{million medical text tokens}.$
- 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**, scaled 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