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EDUCATION

Stanford University

March 2023 – December 2024

M.S. in Computer Science, concentration in Artificial Intelligence

Stanford, CA

Stanford University

September 2019 – June 2023

B.S. in Mathematical and Computational Science

Stanford, CA

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, C, SQL, R

Technologies and Frameworks: PyTorch, pandas, HuggingFace transformers, hydra, Weights and Biases, Git/GitHub

EXPERIENCE

Student Researcher

December 2023 – Present

Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (Computation & Cognition Lab)

Stanford, CA

- Constructing reusable repositories to study problem-solving and reasoning abilities of language models
- Studying elicitation of preferences by language models through bootstrapping, simulation and self-improvement

Software Engineer Intern

June 2023 – August 2023

Capital One

McLean, VA

- Constructed large language model (LLM) pipeline to provide search capability across company
- Created \$6 million in expected savings for HR by embedding >7000 internal documents for semantic search
- Achieved 84% BERTScore F1 similarity between predicted and reference answers on open question-answering tasks

Software Engineer Intern

June 2022 – September 2022

Dataherald, YC W21

Los Angeles, CA

- Implemented version control system module using Python/Git for MongoDB database with 400+ documents
- Created 20+ self-sufficient data pipelines using Databricks/PostgreSQL to create data visualizations for web app
- Wrote, managed and debugged 50+ MongoDB documents to keep data feeds readily available for clients

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

June 2021 – September 2021

AncillaryBox.ai

Arlington, VA

- Identified lowest-performing points of sale to increase revenue from airline upgrades by tailoring product placement
- Wrote Python scripts to analyze 500,000 rows of customer purchase data for airline products
- Coded k-means clustering, logistic and multivariate regressions to find significant indicators of purchase patterns

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

September 2021 – September 2022

Stanford University (Computer Science Department)

Stanford, CA

- Communicate complex technical ideas in practice sections and office hours with 15+ students in intro CS courses
- Utilize problem solving skills to evaluate 200+ assignments and exams per quarter in Python and C++

PROJECTS

STaR-GATE: Teaching LMs to Ask Better Clarifying Questions | VLLM

March 2024 - Present

- Bootstrapped language models to teach themselves to ask better questions
- Achieved 73% win rates as measured by GPT-4 annotator over baseline model
- Developed novel framework for better eliciting human preferences through simulated conversations

- Finetuned 7 billion parameter decoder-only language model to improve social reasoning ability
- Constructed 1000-example evaluation benchmark to test manipulative behavior in base- and finetuned- models

Lyric Generation with Transformer-Based RL | PyTorch, AWS EC2, S3

April 2023 – Present

- Built GPT-2 transformer-based generative deep learning model to produce novel, creative lyrics
- Used reward mechanisms and reinforcement learning with stochastic gradient descent to encourage unique outputs
- Utilized GPUs from remote AWS EC2 instance and S3 bucket to minimize training time and maximize efficiency