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Machine Learning Engineer

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HIGHLIGHTS

As a Machine Learning Engineer, I am experienced with statistical data analytics, big data processing, feature engineering and building Machine Learning models for production environments. Worked with Computer Vision, NLP and structured data. Interested in the aviation, health and finance sectors.

Experience	Description
4 years	Designing, building and deploying Machine Learning models in a production environment
4 years	2D and 3D computer vision algorithms for object detection, tracking and mapping
3 years	Software development, version control, unit testing and CI/CD
4 years	Research methods, statistics, physics, biology, technical writing and teaching

EDUCATION

Year	Degree & Institution
2018	MSc, Computer Science & Engineering. Specialization in Machine Learning and Computer Vision, *York University*
2014	Honors BSc, Biophysics, *York University*

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

Languages	C/C++, Python, Java, Bash, SQL
Machine Learning	Neural Networks, SVMs, kNNs, Logistic Regression, Autoencoders
Cloud Services	GCP, AWS, Azure
Libraries	Tensorflow, Keras, PyTorch, Pandas, OpenCV, Spark, Hadoop
Computer Vision	OCR, 2D object detection, segmentation and tracking. 3D object detection with SfM & SLAM
Modeling	Deep learning, CNNs, LSTM RNNs, supervised and unsupervised classification

EXPERIENCE

2019 - Present **Machine Learning Engineer at Curate Mobile Ltd** (Toronto, ON)
Developed machine learning algorithms to optimize profit margins on real time bidding platforms for the advertisement industry.

2018 **Machine Learning Contractor at Sylphia Consulting** (Toronto, ON)
Designed and implemented a machine learning pipeline for non-invasively measuring hemoglobin levels using computer vision on biomedical images.

2018 – 2019 **Machine Learning and Computer Vision Engineer at Watopedia** (DIFC, Dubai, U.A.E)
Designed and implemented large scale machine learning models to identify security threats in the transportation sector [Projects 1 - 3].

- Deployed software to Google Cloud leading to substantial gains in investment capital

2016 – 2017 **Teaching Assistant at York University** (Toronto, ON)
Invigilated and graded exams and labs for first to third year undergraduate computer science students. Worked with robotics, mobile app development and software design. Directed the labs and office hours for the following courses:

- *Fall 2016 | EECS 1011:* Computational Thinking Through Mechatronics
- *Winter 2016 | EECS 1570:* Introduction to Computing for Psychology
- *Winter 2016 | EECS 3311:* Software Design
- *Summer 2016 | EECS 3301:* Programming Language Fundamentals

2015 – 2018 **Computer Vision Researcher at York University** (Toronto, ON)
Improved the efficiency and eliminated bugs on a proprietary neural network simulator implemented in C++ resulting in a more stable system for experimental research purposes

2013 – 2014 **Research Assistant at York University** (Toronto, ON)

- *Hardware Engineer (10/2013 – 04/2014):* Engineered an electronic circuit for reliable measurement of biological cell electric potentials
- *Data Analyst (04/2013 – 08/2014):* Statistical data analysis of EEG of Macaque Monkeys for neural population decoding [Project 4]
- *Data Analyst (10/2013 – 08/2014):* Statistical data analysis of human behavioral data to infer differences in learning strategies among patients.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

Ad CTR Engine — **Big data** preprocessing with Apache Spark, feature engineering and building a model for predicting the Click Through Rate (CTR) on an Ad with TensorFlow models. Models served in a production environment with TensorFlow serving.

Object Detection & Tracking — **Real time object detection** and notification of threats (suspicious behaviors and objects of interest) in security critical environments using **Deep Neural Networks**. Improved effectiveness of clients by allowing quick searching of surveillance video by object type, color, location or time. [Project 1]

Face Recognition — **Face recognition pipeline** in Python using **Tensorflow**. Resulted in a state-of-the art system that provided real-time security deployment to company clients. Also engineered an algorithm to add new, previously unseen faces to the **SQL database** for seamlessly updating identities. [Project 2]

Cloud ML model Deployment — Machine Learning on the cloud with **Google Cloud Platform** for object detection with **WebRTC**, built in Python. [See GitHub]

Data processing pipeline — A pipeline for collecting, cleaning and augmenting large datasets. Maintained software packages with **git** resulting in rapid development of machine learning models. [Project 3]

Neural population decoding — Analyzed **EEG data** of Macaque monkeys using **MATLAB's Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox**. An **SVM** model was developed that indicated differences in EEG activations under different task conditions leading to key research insights for future work in the lab. [Project 6]

ACTIVITIES

Finalist — Selected as a NextAI 2018 finalist – An entrepreneurial program for startups in AI. (2018)

Startups — Started *Fix My Tech Now* – A company providing hardware and software repairs for laptops, computers and mobile devices. (2014 – 2015)

Nomination — MSc Thesis Nominated for Best Thesis Award (2018)

Volunteer — Scotiabank Buskerfest for Raising Awareness of Epilepsy (2014), Dog Shelter Volunteer (2018)

RELEVANT COURSES

Master's Level — Data Mining, Advanced Topics in Computer Vision, Distributed Computing

Bachelor's Level — Multivariate and vector calculus, linear algebra, experimental physics with data analysis, statistics, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Software Design, Data Structures

Coursera Specialization	Data Engineering on Google Cloud Platform, Recommendation Systems with TensorFlow on Google Cloud Platform

PUBLICATIONS

2019 Master's Thesis: Cognitive Programs Memory: A framework for integrating control in STAR, York University

2017 Sengupta, R., Abid, O., Bachoo, A., & Tsotsos, J. (2017). Attentional blink as a product of attentional control signals: A computational investigation. Journal of Vision, 17(10), 1197-1197.