Lakshya Prakash Agarwal

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AI/ML Engineer with cross-functional expertise bridging business and technology to build scalable LLM/GenAI systems. Delivering domain-driven solutions that transform technical innovation into measurable business and societal impact.

EXPERIENCE

Applied AI Engineer

Sept 2024 - Present

Memorang - Building the "AI stack" for education

Toronto, CA

- Architected and deployed an AI-powered language assessment system for the official TOEFL Practice app, leveraging multi-modal LLM-based analysis to provide real-time feedback on speaking/writing tasks, processing 4,000+ weekly submissions with 85% accuracy against human-graded responses
- Developed end-to-end knowledge management system using Vision Language Models (VLM) for multi-vector retrieval, enabling automated ingestion of content for fine-tuning, and reducing manual data entry by ~30%
- Built an event-driven agent framework using **LangGraph** for dynamic orchestration of specialized agent types, enabling composition of complex workflows such as automated question generation to cut down costs by $\sim 40\%$ for clients

Graduate Research Assistant

Sept 2023 - Aug 2024

McGill University, Desautels Faculty of Management

Montreal, CA

- Consulted for a specialized investment company on behalf of DataSphere Labs to provide a detailed analysis and proof-of-concept for a deep-learning/VLM based pipeline for rapid valuation of art pieces
- Improved efficiency by ~40% by leveraging GPT-4 to perform sentiment analysis on over 250,000 social media posts, speeding up time to insights and enhancing a study on how online media shaped public opinion on the Roe v. Wade debate

Associate, Private Equity Group (Americas)

Sept 2020 - May 2023

Guruqram, IN

Bain & Company

- Led the development of LLM-based sentiment analysis system on AWS EC2 using Docker and Azure OpenAI, processing financial documents for PE due diligence, and boosting operational efficiency by 50% in case team requests.
- Automated a retail analytics platform using Python and Alteryx on NielsenIQ PoS data, collaborating closely with data teams and leadership to save the practice ~ 150 hours/month and elevated client Net Promoter Score (NPS) to 90%
- Analyzed 50+ surveys through 10+ consumer behavior metrics covering brand awareness, NPS, key purchase criteria across industries, helping PE clients with investment decisions and generating ~2.8X average return

SKILLS

Languages: Python, SQL, TypeScript, R

AI/ML: PyTorch, HuggingFace, RAG, LangGraph / LangChain, Diffusion Models, Vector DBs

Data, Cloud & DevOps: AWS/GCP, Pandas, Scikit-learn, Docker, MLflow, PostgreSQL, GitHub Actions, Git

Full Stack: FastAPI, React, Node.js

Certifications: Generative AI Associate Engineer (Databricks)

PROJECTS

WhatsApp-based Animal Accident Reporting Chatbot

• Volunteered with Costa Rican wildlife non-profit SalveMonos to develop an AI chatbot using GPT-40, LangGraph, WhatsApp API, and Google Cloud, enabling local citizens to instantly report animal accidents to authorities in natural language and enhancing emergency response efficiency.

LaunchLens (LLM-based VC Idea Evaluator)

• Awarded "Best Overall Project" among 150+ teams at a hackathon hosted by Harvard & Microsoft for developing an AI-powered tool to evaluate startup ideas against custom investment theses & criteria.

Deep Learning & Optimization

- Developed an **autoencoder**-based conditional asset pricing model for a course project using **PyTorch** to extract latent factors from a cross-section of monthly stock returns and company characteristics, and then predict future expected returns.
- Engineered a Python-based solution for a Vehicle Routing Problem, optimizing public transit evacuation routes for the Montreal's public transit authority using Mixed Integer Linear Program (MILP) techniques and **Gurobi** solver

EDUCATION

McGill University, Desautels Faculty of Management

Montreal, CA

Master of Data Science & Analytics (MMA) | GPA: 3.86/4.00

Jul. 2023 - Aug 2024

 $\textbf{Relevant Coursework:} \ \, \text{AI/ML in Finance, Enterprise Machine Learning, Optimization for Data Science} \\$

Delhi University, Hansraj College

New Delhi, IN

Bachelor of Arts (Economics) | GPA: 8.92/10.00

Jul. 2017 - Aug 2020

Relevant Coursework: Microeconomics, Econometrics, International Trade, Financial Instruments