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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- **Machine Learning & Deep Learning:** Extensive experience in developing and applying machine learning models to real-world problems using large, complex datasets (MIMIC-III, MIMIC-IV, Claims Data, Physiological Data), including food recognition from body-worn sensors and causal inference from time series data. Proficient in frameworks such as TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Scikit-learn.
- **Software Engineering & Programming:** Strong foundation in software development with proficiency in Python, Java, and R. Hands-on experience with data structures, algorithms, and Microsoft Azure.
- **Research & Data Analysis:** Conducted cutting-edge research in ML for healthcare, aviation, and bias detection and experienced in data visualization, statistical modeling, and synthetic data generation using GANs.
- **Teaching:** Graduate Teaching Assistant for Java programming, assisting M.Sc. students in learning programming languages and algorithms.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science

Stevens Institute of Technology

GPA: 3.92

09/2022 - 07/2025

Hoboken, NJ

Bachelor of Science; Software Engineering

Addis Ababa University

10/2017 - 2022

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Samantha Kleinberg

Stevens Institute of Technology, Computer Science

09/2022 - Present

Hoboken, NJ

- Designed and implemented a zero-shot learning approach for food recognition from body-wearable sensors, enabling accurate classification of previously unseen foods. Engineered an efficient feature extraction pipeline using Empatica E4 sensor data, optimizing performance and scalability.
- Developed an algorithm to infer temporal causal relationships from time series data. Simulated real-world medical data to validate the approach, improving model accuracy and robustness.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Jean-Baptiste Jeannin

University of Michigan, Computer Science

06/2021 - 08/2021

Ann-Arbor, MI

- Developed and trained a neural network in a simulated aviation environment, demonstrating the feasibility of a correct-by-construction approach to ensure safety-critical behavior.
- Implemented a safety-augmented loss function, integrating formal safety constraints into training to enhance model reliability and adherence to desired safety properties.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Doug Talbert

Tennessee Tech University, Computer Science

08/2021 - 12/2021

Cookeville, TN

- Conducted bias detection analysis in trauma triage datasets using statistical techniques and machine learning, identifying key disparities in model predictions.
- Trained GAN models for synthetic data augmentation, enhancing dataset diversity, and improving model generalization for trauma triage applications.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Java Programming

Stevens Institute of Technology, Computer Science

01/2025 - present

Hoboken, NJ

Open-source Contribution

Contributor – Ivy: Convert Machine Learning Code Between Frameworks

Awards & Honors

2nd Place Winner, Innovation Time Award – Rebranding Africa Forum, Brussels, Belgium (August 2019)

Palantir Global Impact Scholar – Palantir Technologies Inc., NYC, USA (July 2020)

Global UGRAD Scholar – U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C. (Aug 2021 - Dec 2021)

SKILLS: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Explainable Large Language Models, Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), Agentic AI, Zero-Shot/Few Shot Learning, Causal Inference, Time Series Analysis, Signal Processing, Synthetic Data Generation, Statistical Modeling, Natural Language Processing Data Visualization, Multivariate Analysis, Bias Detection, Feature Engineering, Predictive modeling, Microsoft Azure, A/B Testing.