### Pawan Jayakumar

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Aspiring machine learning engineer with strong foundations in computer science and software development

### EDUCATION

University of California San Diego Sept 2024 – Dec 2025 Master of Science in Computer Science 3.9/4.0 GPA Aug 2020 - May 2024 University of Virginia Bachelor of Science in Computer Science 3.8/4.0 GPA

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

Aug 2016 – May 2020

# Coursework

Data Structures and Algorithms, Operating Systems, Machine Learning, Computer Architecture, Databases, Networks, Distributed Systems, Hardware Accelerators, Robotics, Cybersecurity, LLM and Agent Infrastructure,

## Experience

#### **EleutherAI** | Visiting Researcher

Aug 2025 – Current

• As part of Eleuther AI's SOAR Researcher program, I worked on the automated construction and evaluation of attribution graphs for large language models to improve interpretability and explainability

# **Pytorch** | Open Source Software Engineer

May 2024 – Sept 2024

- Engaged in the development of TorchAO, an architecture optimization library for AI model inference, by opening issues, performing code reviews, and updating documentation
- Implemented Activation-aware Weight Quantization (AWQ) which is used by 1000+ models on Hugging Face to decrease model size by 60% while maintaining accuracy on several benchmarks

# Capital One | Software Engineering Intern

June 2023 – Aug 2023

- Built and deployed a scalable full-stack cloud application using React, GraphQL, and AWS DynamoDB to create a reddit-style discussion page for all Capital One datasets
- Optimized local development build times by decoupling our service and saved 100+ hours of development time

### University of Virginia | Teaching Assistant

Aug 2022 – Dec 2022

• Led 100+ students in laboratory sessions and office hours by conducting code reviews and peer mentoring

# Projects

#### LLM Security

Jan 2025 – July 2025

- · Uncovered a vulnerability in OpenAI's Deep Research tool which allowed for the discovery of exposed API keys
- Applied GCG attacks onto DeepSeek distilled reasoning models showing that test-time inference doesn't inherently improve adversarial defenses
- Reproduced emergent misalignment on Gemini-Flash-1.5 which elicited harmful behavior 2.5% of the time
- Utilized Kubernetes and VLLM to run large scale evaluations of LLMs across various datasets and attacks, showcasing that reasoning models do not inherently improve adversarial robustness

**TritonTube** Mar 2025 – Jun 2025

- Created a fault tolerant, scalable web server written in Go for serving video content
- Utilized RAFT for storing metadata, consistent hashing for scalable storage, and MPEG-DASH for video streaming

Slider

Mar 2022 - Mar 2023

- Co-developed and published an award winning puzzle game called <u>Slider</u> which has over 10,000 unique players
- Developed animation acceleration based on input queue size to maintain responsive gameplay using Unity Engine

### SKILLS

Languages: Java, Go, Python, C/C++, CUDA, Triton, Bash, SQL, C#, JavaScript, HTML, CSS

Other: Github, Docker, AWS, JIRA, Weights and Biases, Kubernetes, Claude, PyTorch, MPI, NCCL, React, Angular, REST, GraphQL, Tailwind, Next.js, prompt-engineering, Copilot, coding agents, Unity