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Applied machine learning scientist and leader building industrial grade machine learning solutions at scale. My team is responsible for the core machine learning systems powering the Fetch app which process over \$150 billion in annual gross merchandise volume, an equivalent to the third largest retailer in the United States. My technical expertise is in deep learning for document AI, search/entity resolution, forecasting, and fraud detection at the crux of computer vision, natural language processing, and graph machine learning. Statistician and recovering consultant from finance and energy industries.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Scientist, Core Machine Learning / [Fetch](#)

(12/2023)-Present

- Lead a team of 15+ scientists and engineers building world-class ML/AI technology powering the core of the Fetch app. Our systems extract information from over 10 million receipts in real-time every day, and process over \$150 billion in gross merchandise volume annually.
- Core contributor and technical leader for Fetch's largest product launch to date with over \$200M in annual revenue attributable to our core document AI technology.
- Research, build, and deploy deep neural networks touching computer vision, natural language processing, and graph machine learning.
- Pre-training and fine-tuning of large language models (LLMs), vision encoder-decoders, and graph neural networks.
- Engineering leader supporting AI/ML microservices, edge device deployments, and serving optimizations.

Lead Applied ML Scientist / [Fetch](#)

(10/2022)-(12-2023)

- Lead core ML teams for document AI and graph machine learning across the data science and machine learning organization.
- Drive collaboration with enterprise partners to onboard cutting-edge AI/ML technology including accelerated compute, graph databases, experiment tracking, and production monitoring systems.
- Lead partnerships with open-source and academic communities including Stanford University, Hugging Face, PyTorch, PyTorch Geometric, AWS SageMaker, and Streamlit.

Data Scientist / [Fetch](#)**(10/2021)-(10-2022)**

- Research and develop document understanding models including CNNs and Vision Transformers for optical character recognition, large language transformers, and graph neural networks for named entity recognition and key information extraction.
- Use tools like PyTorch, Hugging Face, PyTorch Geometric, scikit-learn, SQL, R, Docker, AWS and Snowflake.

Associate Analyst / NERA Economic Consulting**(09/2020)-(09/2021)**

- Look inside the books of some of the largest financial institutions in the world to estimate damages and predict the performance of complex financial instruments leading to the largest and most severe banking crises, securities fraud, and market-meltdowns humans have witnessed.
- Build probabilistic financial models using advanced techniques including Markov chain Monte Carlo methods, random matrix theory applications, and stationary time-series forecasting.
- Identify, explain, and value litigation involving mortgage-backed securities (RMBS), collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), swaps, and other derivatives underpinning trillions of dollars in assets.
- Provide evidence and economic investigation for Fortune 500 companies, SEC, DOJ, and FINRA.

Research Analyst / [The Cadmus Group](#)**(11/2019)-(09/2020)**

- Lead the design and evaluation of demand-side management programs, including a \$600k+ randomized control trial on smart thermostat direct load-control.
- Forecast electric vehicle adoption, demand elasticity, and electrification for budgeting hundreds of millions of dollars under diverse energy industry clients' management.
- Design difference-in-difference models, demand-elasticity programs, and causal inference mechanisms to provide gold-standard reporting to regulators and operators responsible for most of the United States energy supply.

Data Scientist / [Kyrgies](#)**(10/2019)-(07/2020)**

- Led a project investigating optimal advertising strategies for an online retailer by supplementing web analytics and operations resources to perform novel Geo-spatial analysis, market research, and ultimately lead generation.

Data Scientist Intern / KWM Wealth Advisory**(07/2019)-(10/2019)**

- Build internal dashboards for a boutique wealth advisory firm using R and Shiny to help advisors aggregate and contextualize regulatory stances during bear-markets.

PUBLICATIONS AND TALKS

- Speaker, “Graphing Groceries: Understanding Receipts with Transformer Hydranets.” *Microsoft AI Graph Learning Group*, January 2024. ([recording](#))
- Presenter, “Graph Transformers for Semantic Link Prediction at Scale.” *Stanford Graph Learning Workshop*, October 2023. ([recording](#))
- Assessing Strategies to Reduce the Carbon Footprint of the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. *JAMA Ophthalmology*, August 2023. [doi:10.1001/jamaophthalmol.2023.3516](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamaophthalmol.2023.3516)
- Speaker, “Production Graph ML at Fetch.” *PyTorch Geometric Town Hall*, January 2023. ([recording](#))
- Teaching to Our Time: a Survey Study of Current Opinions and Didactics About Climate Mental Health Training in US Psychiatry Residency and Fellowship Programs. *Academic Psychiatry*, July 2022. [doi:10.1007/s40596-022-01680-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40596-022-01680-7)
- Estimation of the Carbon Footprint Associated With Attendees of the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting. *JAMA Network Open*, January 2021. [doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.35641](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2020.35641)
- Domestic Remittance in China: Rural-Urban Migration’s Trail of Inequality. *Chinese Institute of Income Distribution, Beijing Normal University and Reed College*, May 2019. [doi:10.13140/RG.2.2.19035.90405/1](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.19035.90405/1)

ORGANIZATIONS

Statistician / [Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry](#), Climate Committee (06/2020)-Present

- GAP is a think tank of top psychiatric minds whose thoughtful analysis and recommendations serve to influence and advance modern psychiatric theory and practice. I serve as a resident statistician supporting climate-related research (see publications above).

OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

- Author and maintainer of [{blocklength}](#), an R package for advanced statistical analyses of time-series and other dependent data with *over 12 thousand downloads*. {blocklength} provides tooling to optimize the block-length parameter of a dependent bootstrap procedure (the block-bootstrap) commonly used in time-series modelling. Available on [CRAN](#) and at my [GitHub](#).

EDUCATION

B.A. Mathematics-Economics / Reed College, Portland OR