Saba Amanollahi Data Scientist/ML Engineer

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Summary

Data Scientist and Machine Learning Engineer with a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering and 7+ years of industrial experience. Skilled in developing sophisticated machine learning and deep learning models, with a strong focus on edge AI, hardware integration, and Research and deployment. Proven track record of driving measurable business outcomes through advanced analytics, including real-time, on-device solutions. Adept at translating complex technical challenges into actionable, business-oriented strategies that meet operational goals and enhance efficiency.

Experience

Data Scientist at Ontic, Manufacturing and Engineering Inc., Los Angeles, CA 12/2022 to 08/2024

- Developed an ML-powered **pricing** tool using **Machine Learning**, **Deep Learning**, **and Time Series analysis**, achieving a 60% improvement in **mean absolute error** and reducing Time to Quote by 25%.
- Enhanced the pricing tool with **rule-based** and **reinforcement learning models** based on **feedback** from senior management and pricing data.
- Built a CI/CD pipeline with GitHub Actions and Snowflake for streamlined, automated model deployment.
- Integrated the pricing model into Excel via VBA and developed a Python GUI for the sales team.
- Improved revenue forecasting with WIN/LOSS validation, classification algorithms, and feature importance analysis, achieving a 30% increase in predictive accuracy
- **Led** the implementation of **customer segmentation** for targeted **pricing** strategies, focusing on valuable customer segments and reducing **churn**.
- Implemented Power BI dashboards with DAX to visualize pricing tool usage and win/loss capture ratio.
- Applied binning with regression and clustering for MRO complexity, optimizing pricing by 30%.
- Built Python scrapers to extract data from Excel and load it into Snowflake, reducing data collection time by 50%
- Used DBT for data testing in Snowflake, enhancing data quality for the revenue management department.

Machine Learning Engineer at BDD Systems, Tehran, Iran

01/2019 to 01/2022

- Engineered and preprocessed real-time location data (RSS) from nurses and hospital assets using advanced Redisbased data pipelines, enhancing data quality for machine learning models.
- Implemented Deep Learning classification algorithms in PyTorch to enhance the accuracy of indoor positioning systems, reducing positioning errors by 15% and significantly enhancing patient care efficiency.
- Designed **geofencing algorithms using Deep learning** to ensure the accessibility and optimal placement of assets during emergencies.
- Developed **embedded programming (C/C++) solutions** for **hardware integration**, enabling seamless deployment of **machine learning models** in real-world devices and systems.
- Built a scalable backend with Django, PostgreSQL and Docker, enabling real-time data interchange and seamless
 deployment of machine learning models via RESTful APIs in JSON format, supporting a 24/7 operational
 environment.
- Defined key performance indicators (KPIs) and developed Python-based visualizations using Matplotlib and Seaborn to track and analyze object movements, resulting in a 10% improvement in logistics and resource allocation.
- Deployed **QlikView dashboards** integrated with ML insights, empowering management's **data-driven decision-making**.

Data Science Consultant at Kavosh Group, Tehran, Iran

01/2017 to 01/2019

- Designed and implemented **Python-based ML models**, including **regression**, to **optimize pricing strategies**, leading to a 20% profit increase.
- Developed **recommendation systems using SQL** and **Association Rule Learning**, enhancing product offerings and increasing customer satisfaction by 15%.
- Optimized ETL processes with SSIS, reducing data processing times by 40% and improving data accuracy for better business decisions.
- **Led end-to-end BI solutions** for four major organizations, translating data into actionable insights, reducing costs by 35%, and driving revenue growth.

- Collaborated with senior management to define KPIs aligned with business goals, improving decision-making processes.
- Created **QlikView dashboards** with advanced **scripting**, enhancing **data visualization** clarity and boosting data-driven decision-making.
- **Mentored** junior team members in dashboard development and data analysis, improving team efficiency and quality.

Lecturer at **University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran**

09/2019 to 01/2022

- Taught "Data Structure and Algorithms" (3 semesters).
- Taught "Memory Systems/SRAM/DRAM/FLASH" graduate course (1 semester).

Lecturer at Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran

09/2014 to 01/2017

- Taught "C/C++ programming" (3 semesters).
- Taught "Digital Logic/Verilog" Lab Instructor (1 semester).

Skills

Machine Learning & Deep Learning Libraries: Scikit-Learn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, PySpark, Scipy, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, NLTK, Statsmodels, xgboost.

ML Techniques & Architectures: Model Evaluation, Feature Engineering, Deep Neural Network Architectures, Hyperparameter Tuning, ML Pipeline, Bagging and Boosting, Transfer Learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Large Language Models (LLM), Generative AI, LSTM, CNN, RL.

Statistical Methods: Hypothesis Testing, Bayesian Inference, Regression Analysis, Time Series Analysis, ANOVA, Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Data Management & Engineering Tools: Snowflake, Postgres, Redis, Git, GitHub, ETL (SSIS), DBT, Fivetran, CI/CD pipeline

Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, CUDA (GPU), SQL, R, MATLAB

Data Visualization: Power BI, QlikView, Excel

Hardware Skills & Knowledge: Verilog, VHDL, VLSI, Digital Design, FPGA, ASIC, SoC, DSP, GPU Architecture, Arithmetic Units, Accelerators, RTL, Embedded Programming, HW/SW Codesign, Hardware Acceleration for AI/ML

Education

Ph.D. - Computer Engineering 09/2011 to 09/2017

Shahid Beheshti University - Tehran, Iran (**Top 5** Universities in Iran)

M.Sc. - Computer Engineering 09/2009 to 09/2011

Shahid Beheshti University - Tehran, Iran (Top 5 Universities in Iran)

B.Sc. - Computer Engineering 09/2002 to 09/2007

University of Tehran - Tehran, Iran (Top 5 Universities in Iran)

Publications

Published multiple journal papers in IEEE TVLSI, ACM TECS, IEEE ESL, and other leading journals, focusing on arithmetic design research.

Google Scholar Profile

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Certifications

- Generative AI with Large Language Models Coursera
- Deep Learning specialization -- Coursera
- Medical Image Analysis in Python -- Educative.io
- Machine Learning: Natural Language Processing in Python (V2) -- Udemy