Nikita Kozodoi

ML/DL researcher working on the frontier between research and business. With certified ML expertise, rich experience in competitive ML, and strong coding and public talking skills, I am enthusiastic about using AI to improve decision-making and create value. My latest projects focus on ML for tabular and computer vision problems.

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Experience

04/2018 – present **Data Science Research Associate**, *Monedo / Humboldt University*, Berlin.
- developed sample bias correction algorithms to improve model profitability by up to 3%
- reduced data acquisition costs by up to 25% using multi-objective feature selection
- published 5 research papers with 65 citations and delivered 5 conference talks [Papers]

09/2018 – 08/2020 **Project-Based Data Scientist**, *Simply Rational*, Berlin.
- identified customer segments for targeting and predicted clusters from incomplete data
- determined suitable treatments from A/B tests and presented findings to corporate clients

07/2016 – 03/2018 **Research Assistant**, *Max Planck Institute for Human Development*, Berlin.
- benchmarked ML algorithms against managerial heuristics and analyzed key performance drivers

Education

04/2018 – present **PhD in Machine Learning, Information Systems**, *Humboldt University*, Berlin.
Research on ML in credit scoring. Teaching Data Science and supervising student theses.

10/2015 – 12/2017 **M.Sc. in Economics, Quantitative Methods**, *Humboldt University*, Berlin, GPA: 1.30 (A).
Focused on ML and Data Science. Double-degree program with HSE Moscow.

09/2010 – 06/2014 **B.Sc. in Economics**, *Higher School of Economics*, Moscow, GPA: 1.31 (A).
Focused on Statistics and Econometrics. Top-1 in the 4-year student rating.

Certifications

01/2022 **AWS Certified Machine Learning**, *Amazon*. Training, tuning and deploying ML models on AWS. [Certificate]

06/2020 **Deep Learning Nanodegree**, *Udacity*. Implemented CNNs, RNNs and GANs in PyTorch. [Certificate]

05/2020 **Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree**, *Udacity*. Deployed ML models on AWS SageMaker. [Certificate]

Courses with certificates: Data Structures, Algorithmic Toolbox, SQL for Data Science.

Selected ML Projects

06/2020 – present **Machine Learning Blog.** Implementing and hosting ML blog with over 7k monthly page views.
Publishing ML/DL tutorials, Kaggle competition solutions and project overviews. [Blog] [GitHub]

05/2021 – 08/2021 **Text Readability Prediction.** Developed a PyTorch pipeline for text complexity prediction with transformers.
Built an interactive web app for text scoring. Reached top-9% in the Kaggle competition. [Web app] [GitHub]

03/2021 – 06/2021 **Image-to-Text Molecular Translation.** Translated molecule images into chemical formulas with PyTorch.
Implemented a CNN-LSTM architecture for image captioning. Reached top-5% in the Kaggle competition. [GitHub]

Kaggle Master. Won 18 competition medals. Top-1% in Competitions, Notebooks and Discussion. [Profile] [Portfolio]

Selected ML Publications

06/2021 **Fairness in credit scoring: Assessment, implementation and profit implications**, *European Journal of OR*.
Benchmarked fair ML algorithms and analyzed the profit-fairness trade-off. [Paper] [GitHub]

04/2020 **Shallow self-learning for reject inference in credit scoring**, *European Conference on ML and PKDD*.
Proposed a self-training based approach for bias correction in credit scoring. [Paper] [Slides]

09/2019 **A multi-objective approach for profit-driven feature selection in credit scoring**, *Decision Support Systems*.
Developed a profit-driven feature selection framework using multi-objective genetic algorithms. [Paper]

Technical Stack

Tools	Python, R, SQL *(interm)*	VSCode, Jupyter	AWS Cloud (SageMaker, EC2, Lambda)	Git, Trello
Packages	Pandas, NumPy	Scikit-learn, XGBoost, LightGBM, Optuna		Matplotlib, Seaborn
	PyTorch, TensorFlow *(interm)*	Timm, Albumentations		Huggingface

Soft Skills

Languages **English** (C2), **German** (C1), **Russian** (native)

Key skills
- Rich experience of working in team projects
- Scientific mindset and strong motivation to learn
- Excellent presentation skills [Public talks]
- Business-oriented thinking