



# Nikita Kozodoi

ML/DL researcher with expertise in competitive ML and economic background

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## Experience

- 04/2018 – present **Data Science Research Associate**, *Monedo / Humboldt University*, Berlin.
- developing solutions to improve ML model training and evaluation under sampling bias
  - implementing fair ML algorithms and investigating profit-fairness trade-off in credit scoring models
  - optimizing data acquisition costs with multi-objective profit-driven feature selection
- 09/2018 – 08/2020 **Project-Based Data Scientist**, *Simply Rational*, Berlin.
- worked on multiple projects, including customer segmentation and treatment effect estimation
  - preprocessed data and developed project-specific ML pipelines and prototypes for corporate clients
- 07/2016 – 03/2018 **Research Assistant**, *Max Planck Institute for Human Development*, Berlin.
- benchmarked managerial heuristics against ML algorithms in customer classification problems
  - analyzed factors affecting the predictive performance on marketing data sets

## Education

- 04/2018 – present **PhD in Information Systems, Machine Learning**, *Humboldt University*, Berlin.  
Research on ML/DL applications for credit scoring. Teaching ML and supervising M.Sc. dissertations.
- 10/2015 – 12/2017 **M.Sc. in Economics and Management Science**, *Humboldt University*, Berlin, GPA: 1.30 (A).  
Focused on Machine Learning and Data Science. Double-degree program with HSE Moscow.
- 09/2010 – 06/2014 **B.Sc. in Economics**, *Higher School of Economics*, St. Petersburg, GPA: 1.31 (A).  
Focused on Statistics, Time Series and Econometrics. Top-1 in the 4-year student grade rating.

## Certificates

- 10/2021 **SQL for Data Science**, *UC Davis*. Learned SQL for data extraction and manipulation
- 06/2020 **Deep Learning Nanodegree**, *Udacity*. Implemented CNNs, RNNs and GANs in PyTorch [\[certificate\]](#)
- 05/2020 **Machine Learning Engineer Nanodegree**, *Udacity*. Deployed ML/DL models on AWS SageMaker [\[certificate\]](#)

## Technical Stack

Tools	📄 Python, R, SQL ( <i>interm</i> )    💻 VSCode, Jupyter    ☁ AWS (Sagemaker, EC2), Neptune.ai    🐙 Git, Trello			
Packages	📦 Pandas, NumPy		🏗 Scikit-learn, XGBoost, LightGBM, Hyperopt	
	📦 PyTorch, TensorFlow ( <i>interm</i> )		📊 Matplotlib, Seaborn	
Applications	🖼 image classification, object detection, image captioning			💬 sentiment analysis, text classification
	📊 classification, regression, clustering, dimensionality reduction			

## Selected ML Competitions

- 08/2021 **CommonLit Readability Prize**, top-9%. Predicted text readability with transformers [\[GitHub\]](#) [\[Web App\]](#)
- 06/2021 **BMS Molecular Translation**, top-5%. Built CNN-LSTM architecture for image-to-text translation [\[GitHub\]](#)
- 02/2021 **Cassava Leaf Disease Classification**, top-1%. Identified plant diseases with deep learning [\[GitHub\]](#)
- Kaggle Master. Top-1% in Competitions, Notebooks and Discussion. Profile: <https://kozodoi.me/kaggle>

## Selected ML Publications

- 06/2021 **Fairness in credit scoring: Assessment, implementation and profit implications**  
European Journal of Operational Research [\[doi.org/10.1016/j.ejor.2021.06.023\]](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejor.2021.06.023) [\[GitHub\]](#)
- 04/2020 **Shallow self-learning for reject inference in credit scoring**  
European Conference on ML and PKDD [\[doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-46133-1\]](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-46133-1) [\[Slides\]](#)
- 09/2019 **A multi-objective approach for profit-driven feature selection in credit scoring**  
Decision Support Systems [\[doi.org/10.1016/j.dss.2019.03.011\]](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dss.2019.03.011)

## Further Skills

- Languages **English** (C2), **German** (C1), **Russian** (native speaker)
- Key skills
- Passionate about machine learning and data
  - Excellent presentation skills
  - Inspired by using ML to improve decision-making
  - Strong motivation to learn and improve