



# 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 algorithms to improve training and evaluation of ML models under sampling bias
  - implementing fair ML algorithms and investigating profit-fairness trade-off for 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 raw 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 Machine Learning for credit scoring. Teaching Data Science 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

- 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 in AWS SageMaker [\[Certificate\]](#)
- Further courses with certificates: SQL for Data Science, Data Structures, Algorithms.

## 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, Optuna	📊 Matplotlib, Seaborn	
	📦 PyTorch, TensorFlow ( <i>interm</i> )	📷 Timm, Albumentations	💬 Huggingface	
Applications	🗃 classification, regression, clustering, dimensionality reduction			💬 sentiment analysis, text classification
	🖼 image classification, object detection, image captioning			

## 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. Won 17 competition medals. Top-1% in Competitions, Notebooks and Discussion [\[Profile\]](#)

## 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 [\[Paper\]](#)
- Published 5 academic papers with 60 total citations and H-index of 4 since 2018 [\[Papers\]](#) [\[Profile\]](#)

## Further Skills

- Languages **English** (C2), **German** (C1), **Russian** (native speaker)
- Key skills
- Passionate about machine learning and data
  - Excellent presentation skills [\[My talks\]](#)
  - Inspired by using ML to improve decision-making
  - Scientific mindset and strong motivation to learn