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2016

EDUCATION

The Data Incubator, Washington, D.C.

Certificate in Data Science

• Selected among the less than 4% of +1900 applicants.

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Ph.D. in Mathematics 2016

• Thesis Title: Localized Skein Algebras As Frobenius Extensions.

M.Sc. in Mathematics 2014

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

M.A. in Mathematics 2010

• Research Paper: Discrete Subgroups of $SL_2(R)$.

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico

B.Sc. in Mathematics 2009

SKILLS

- Stack: Python, PostgreSQL, Spark, Hadoop, D3. is, Theano, Jupyter, Zeppelin, Ambari, Git, LATEX.
- Knowledge of: Machine Learning, Data Visualization, Object-Oriented Programming, Neural Nets.
- Tools: Pandas, NumPy/SciPy, Scikit-Learn/XGBoost, Keras, PyMC, Bokeh, Flask, HTML5/CSS3.
- Familiar with: MapReduce, Cassandra, HAWQ, SQLite3, CockroachDB, MongoDB, R, C++.
- Dominance of: English and Spanish.

EXPERIENCE

Soteria - Security Consulting & Data Analytics, Charleston, S.C.

Data Scientist - Contract

Jun 2016-Present

- Developed predictive model using PCA and a Random Forest Classifier to automate the detection of cyber threats with a 96% accuracy.
- Assembled predictive model for detection of malicious websites based on content by performing Natural Language Processing with the use of TF-IDF Vectorizer and Logistic Regression with a 95% accuracy.
- Built multiple web applications for internal use using Python, Flask, Django, HTML5/CSS3, Bootstrap and D3.js that allow analysts to interact with data from OSSEC and other services in a more visual matter.
- Created software for feature extraction from unstructured data from +30000 websites a day. Both structured and unstructured data is then automatically saved into a Cassandra database.
- Devised Python pipeline to automate the classification of +30000 websites received per day.
- Was involved in the decision making and engineering of technologies and infrastructure for ETL.
- Developed probabilistic model to predict the outcome of ping pong matches in the office.

The Data Incubator, Washington, D.C.

Data Scientist - Fellow

Jan 2016-Mar 2016

Selected Projects:

- Capstone: http://iokilos.herokuapp.com. Scraped over a thousand pages from various websites to collect data. Conducted a thorough analysis of the distribution of world records in Weightlifting. Developed an app for strength athletes' training cycles using KNearest Neighbor Regressor.
- Conducted open-ended analysis of user behaviors on +9GB of StackOverFlow data using Scala and Spark.

Mathematics Department, University of Iowa.

Instructor and Teaching Assistant

Aug 2011 - Dec 2015

• Taught a variety of college courses (25 to +100 students), from Precalculus to graduate courses in Topology.

SELECTED

The Localized Skein Algebra Is Frobenius

Jan 2016

& AWARDS

PUBLICATIONS N. Abdiel and C. Frohman, in Journal of Knot Theory And Its Ramifications

Ballard-Seashore Fellowship, University of Iowa

Jan 2016 – May 2016

Awarded for outstanding contributions to the field of Topological Quantum Field Theory.