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Data Scientist

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EDUCATION University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Ph.D. in Mathematics May 2016
M.S. in Mathematics Dec 2014

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

M.A. in Mathematics Jul 2010

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

B.S. in Mathematics May 2009

CERTIFICATE The Data Incubator, Washington, D.C.

Certificate in Data Science Feb 2016

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

• Stack: Python, D3.js, Hadoop, Cassandra, HAWQ, Greenplum.

- Knowledge of: Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Data Visualization, Web Scraping.
- Tools: Git, Pandas, NumPy/SciPy, Scikit-Learn, NLTK, Flask/Django, Bokeh, HTML5/CSS3, Carto.
- Familiar with: SQLite, CockroachDB, MongoDB, MapReduce, Spark/Scala, R, Go, JavaScript, C++.
- Dominance of: English and Spanish.

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

Data Scientist - Python Developer (Short Term Contract)

Jun 2016-Present

- Created Python software for extraction and classification of features 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 scoring of +30000 websites received per day.
- Developed predictive model using a Gradient Boosting Classifier to automate the detection of cyber threats with a 98% accuracy.
- Built a web application for internal use using Python, Flask, Django HTML5/CSS3, and D3.js, that allows
 users to interact with the data in a more visual matter.

The Data Incubator, Washington, D.C.

Fellow Jan 2016–Feb 2016

Capstone Project: http://iokilos.herokuapp.com

 Scraped over a thousand pages from various websites to collect data. Analyzed the distribution of world records in Olympic Weightlifting using a Naive Bayes Classifier. Developed an app for strength athletes' training cycles using Clustering Algorithms.

Selected Projects:

- Conducted open-ended analysis of user behaviors on +9GB of StackOverFlow data using Scala and Spark.
- Performed Natural Language Processing analysis on Yelp's academic dataset, +325MB of json data.

Mathematics Department, University of Iowa.

Instructor and/or Teaching Assistant

Aug 2011 – Dec 2015

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

SELECTED The Localized Skein Algebra Is Frobenius

Jan 2016

PUBLICATIONS & 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.