

# Francisco Arriaga

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## Summary

Machine Learning/AI Engineer specialized in deep learning and computer vision. My work has focused primarily in generative modeling and recommender systems. A mixed background in mathematics, psychology, and computer science allows me to approach problems with technical rigor without foregoing explainability. I leverage years of experience as an academic researcher as well as a Machine Learning engineer and Statistical Research Analyst for industry.

## Technical Skills

| Languages  | Technologies           | Concepts                     |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Python     | PyTorch & Tensorflow   | Deep Learning                |
| SQL        | Numpy & Pandas         | Computer Vision              |
| Java       | OpenCV & Sci-Kit learn | Recommender Systems          |
| R          | Docker                 | Artificial Intelligence      |
| JavaScript | Next Js                | Large Language Models (LLMs) |

## Industry Experience

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| <b>MediTrak Life, Inc.</b><br><i>Machine Learning Engineer</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Dec 2023 – Present<br><i>West Lafayette, IN (remote)</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lead the development of the ML back end of a system that helps users regulate blood pressure through behavioral recommendations derived from XGBoost regressors.</li><li>Reduced error by 8% over state-of-the-art through augmentations and transfer learning to personalize the recommender algorithm to each user.</li></ul>      |                                                          |
| <b>El Paso Community College</b><br><i>Statistical Research Analyst</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Jan 2019 – Dec 2023<br><i>El Paso, TX</i>                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brought in over \$5M of grant funds by providing statistical evidence of advising program performance.</li><li>Maintained and queried relational database of student academic data for over 30,000 students. (SQL)</li><li>Established a data pipeline to automatize reporting processes, reducing over head by over 200%.</li></ul> |                                                          |

## Research Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant** | *PyTorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV, SciKit Learn, Docker, Numpy*

- Designed and implemented a video frame interpolator using Generative Adversarial Networks and autoencoders (Generative Deep Learning - AI).
- Extracted dataset of over 800k triplets (sequence of 3 consecutive frames) directly from scrapped videos using Shot-Detection algorithms.
- Implemented an image retrieval system using pre-trained VGG-19 embeddings.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** | *LLMs, Java, Python, Pandas*

- Implemented a tv-show and movies recommender system integrating personality scores with an accuracy of 87%.
- Created databases and established pipelines for 26 million ratings from over 470,000 users.
- Implemented a language-based recommender system using a classical vector space model and pre-trained LLM embeddings.

## Education

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| <b>MS in Artificial Intelligence</b>      | University of Texas at El Paso |
| <b>BS in Mathematics &amp; Psychology</b> | University of Texas at El Paso |