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Education

Duke University, Durham NC
MS Statistical Science

Aug 2016 - May 2018

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA
BS Chemical Engineering

Sep 2011 - Jun 2015

Work Experience

Statistics Intern, Eli Lilly and Company

May 2017 – Aug 2017

- Trained convolutional neural networks to classify disease severity in medical images.
- Used Python, TensorFlow, and Keras to process over 80,000 images and build models.
- Diagnosed and resolved model performance issues such as overfitting and unbalanced classes.
- Created a web dashboard using Plotly Dash that allows users to interactively receive predictions.
- Produced a written tutorial on training neural networks which incorporates experiences learned.

Research Intern, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Jun 2015 – Jul 2016

- Cleaned and visualized engine emission data to quantify pollution impacts of biofuels.
- Performed statistical hypothesis tests such as ANOVA and identified potential outliers.
- Processed hundreds of SEM images including noise filtering and background segmentation.
- Presented statistical results to peers and wrote data analysis methods sections for publication.

Projects

Bayesian Hidden Markov Models

- Implemented inference for Bayesian HMMs from scratch with Python, numpy, and scipy.
- Developed a Python package, wrote documentation, and provided examples in Jupyter Notebook.
- Automated testing with Github and CircleCI build tools.

Text Analysis of Job Description

- Web-scraped job descriptions from Indeed.com and transformed the corpus using R.
- Clustered similar jobs based on descriptions using Latent Dirichlet Allocation.
- Developed a Shiny interface to interact with job data which includes a map and word cloud.

Duke Kaggle Competition

- Placed first in an in-class Kaggle competition, predicting the size of insurance claims.
- Wrote scripts to reproducibly train and test gradient boosted models using xgboost.
- Used feature engineering, ensembling, and custom objective functions to improve performance.

Skills

- Proficient in Python and R. Currently learning C/C++. Some experience with SQL and Spark.
- Experienced with Python and R data science stack including scikit-learn, pandas, dplyr, and ggplot.
- Other software skills include git, Github, Tableau, LaTeX, Linux, and bash shell.
- Coursework includes Bayesian statistics, causal inference, and categorical data analysis.