

# Harry Zhong

ACTUARY (AIAA) · DATA ANALYST

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## Work Experience

### EBM Insurance & Risk

Perth

DATA INTELLIGENCE ANALYST

Nov 2022 - Present

- Gained a strong understanding of data analysis principles (relational databases, query languages, modelling) and applied them to a broad range of financial and insurance applications (financial reporting, scenario analysis, cashflow projection).
- Key contributor to the internal development of data analysis applications using **SQL** and **R**.
- Introduced the use of **Shiny** applications for data visualisation and report distribution, and **Git** for version control in **R**.
- Modelled annual income of client portfolios in **Microsoft Excel** for discounted cash flow valuations.
- Delivered monthly income reports using **VBA** to automate repetitive tasks.

## Education

### Actuaries Institute

Perth (Online)

ACTUARY PROGRAM

Jul 2023 - Oct 2023

- Obtained **Associate Actuary (AIAA)** designation in December 2023.
- Passed **Asset Liability Management** and **Communication, Modelling and Professionalism**.

### Curtin University

Bentley Campus

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ACTUARIAL SCIENCE) (HONOURS)

Feb 2019 - Jun 2023

- 84% Course Weighted Average.
- 82% Dissertation Grade.
- Completed **Data Analytics Principles** and **Actuarial Control Cycle** subjects as part of the Actuaries Institute Actuary Program.
- Obtained all Actuaries Institute **Foundation Program** exemptions.
- Recipient of the Curtin Excellence Scholarship.

## Projects

### Analysis of my Facebook Messenger chat history using latent Dirichlet allocation to identify topics within conversations [↗](#)

Personal Project

PYTHON

2024

- Used Python to extract Facebook Messenger chat data stored as JSON files.
- Implemented latent Dirichlet allocation (LDA) using the gensim module.
- Tuned the 3 hyperparameters of LDA using coherence score as a measure of model performance.

### Analysis of my Spotify streaming history using k-means clustering to categorise tracks [↗](#)

Personal Project

R (PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE)

2024

- Used R to extract Spotify streaming history along with Spotify's developer API to query track features.
- Used Spotify track features to apply k-means clustering algorithm to tracks in streaming history.
- Implemented brute force method of feature selection and parallel processing to optimise computation time.
- Visualised clustering results and streaming trends using Shiny applications.

### Comparing stochastic and constant volatility returns distributions using the Heston model (Actuarial Science Honours Dissertation) [↗](#)

Curtin University

R (PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE)

2023

- Used stochastic modelling to compare constant and stochastic volatility under geometric Brownian motion based on independent research.
- Used R to optimise parameterisation and simulation via parallel processing.
- Completed written research report and presented seminar presentation to supervisors.

### Validation of additional factors in the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) using machine learning algorithms

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R (PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE)

2022

- Used Elastic Net and Random Forest models combined with hyperparameter tuning to determine whether additional covariates in CAPM improved empirical predictive performance.
- Collaborated with team members to write code, compile written report, and present results.