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Education

University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

MPHIL IN MANAGEMENT

Oct. 2016 - Jun. 2017

• Commendation (70%, top 25%). | Audits: Measure Theory, Philosophy of Science | Focus: Strategic Valuation (top prize), Economics.

Heriot-Watt University

Edinburgh, UK

BSc Hons in Actuarial Science, Statistics Major

Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2016

- Awards: Distinction (83%) (top 3%), CT1-CT8, Volunteering Bronze (ChessSoc President, Union Exec, Mentor). Graduated at age 18.
- Focus: Statistics, Quantitative Risk Management, Mathematical Finance. Project Areas: GARCH models, copulas, extreme value theory, stochastic calculus, liquidity risk, economic scenario generators and advanced statistical inference. Published in the actuarial magazine.

Skills_

Languages

Programming R, Python, C/C++ (basic), Stan, PyTorch, Tensorflow 1.x English, Japanese (basic), French (basic), Hindi, Telugu

Others

Other probabilistic programming languages, ggplot, data.table, git, LaTeX, astrophotography

Contributions

Web

falmity.com: Personal projects (e.g. speech synthesis using gaussian processes, spotify data analysis). Cross Validated: (Stats Stack Exchange) top 2% contributor in 2018.

Code

SciPy Pull Request - added a function to calculate Toeplitz matrix-vector products in log-linear time using the FFT. Wrote the core code-base for the paper below (PR to be submit to pyro-ppl).

Papers

Lalchand, V., Ravuri, A. and Lawrence, N. D. (2020). Variational Gaussian Process Latent Variable Models with Normalising Flows.

Experience_

Barclays

London, UK

QUANT ANALYST + DEVELOPER, AVP

Dec. 2018 - Present

- · Designing and productionizing large-scale statistical models for forecasting the evolution of portfolio balances, accounting for individual behavior. I'm responsible for modeling of certain portfolios - term deposits, loans, wealth, savings and mortgage applications, mainly using markovian models, regularized and hierarchical GLMs, GAMs and time series models.
- · In three cases (involving data cleaning, data structure manipulation and Monte Carlo simulation), reduced execution time of critical model components from days to seconds using Spark and C++.

Sciemus London, UK

DATA SCIENTIST + STATISTICIAN

Sep. 2017 - Dec. 2018

- · Was involved with building and maintaining end-to-end stats/tech related solutions, particularly in the space, weather and power business areas. This involved data cleaning, analysis, modeling, documentation, web-app development and deployment (using Shiny, Dash, Flask), basic server and database maintenance (using postgres), research and development of infrastructure (e.g. aiding development of a distributed computing cluster on AWS).
- On the modeling side, I've worked with GLMs for assessing risk probabilities, Hidden Markov models & sparse Gaussian Processes to model rates based on large-scale weather data, simple random fields in the form of CNNs to model rainfall data, importance sampling & subset simulation to accelerate simulations, fuzzy logical risk models, basic prior elicitation & associated Jacobian adjustments.

Coloplast Peterborough, UK

DATA SCIENCE INTERN

Jul. 2017 - Aug. 2017

Aided implementation of a time series forecasting model (involving splines, linear filters & ARIMA error processes) and automated model fitting.

Jaguar Land Rover

Cambridge, UK May. 2017 - Jun. 2017

QUANT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

• Modeled the contribution of JLR to the UK economy in a highly collaborative setting. Conducted original research on improving the accuracy of input-output multipliers. Highly commended for the work and presentation.