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Education

University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK

MPHIL IN MANAGEMENT

Oct. 2016 - Jun. 2017

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

- Jaguar Land Rover consulting project: 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.
- Coloplast Internship (Aug. '17): Aided implementation of a time series forecasting model (involving splines, linear filters and ARIMA error processes) and automated model fitting.

Heriot-Watt University

Edinburgh, UK Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2016

BSc Hons in Actuarial Science, **Statistics Major**

- Awards: Distinction (83%) (top 3%), CT1-8, Volunteering Bronze (ChessSoc President, Student Union Exec, Mentor). Obtained BSc 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.

A-Levels (CIE) Zambia

A2: A*A*A* IN MATHS, PHYSICS, BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. **AS:** AB IN APPLIED ICT AND ENGLISH.

Sep. 2011 - Jun. 2013

Skills

Papers

Programming R, Python, C/C++ (basic), SQL (basic), Stan, PyTorch, Tensorflow

Languages English, Japanese (basic), French (basic), Hindi, Telugu

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

Side Projects

falmity.com: Personal projects (e.g. speech synthesis using Gaussian processes) and minimal examples (e.g. MGCV GAMs as GPs,

the Griffin-Lim algorithm, sparse GPs, state-space models). Cross Validated: (Stats Stack Exchange) top 2% contributor in 2018.

Code SciPy - 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.

Lalchand, V., **Ravuri, A.** and Lawrence, N. D. (2020). *Variational Gaussian Process Latent Variable Models with Normalising Flows*. A smaller part of the work titled "GPLVFs for Massively Missing Data" was accepted at AABI 2021.

Employment

Barclays London, UK

QUANT ANALYST + DEVELOPER

Dec. 2018 - Present

- Designing and productionizing large-scale statistical models for balance sheet forecasting of term deposits and loans, accounting for customer behavior and economic trends. Modeling mainly involves Markovian models. GAMs and time series models.
- In addition to this, I assist with and review other model implementations (e.g. for current accounts, savings and mortgages). I also pilot new tools, create knowledge-bases, work on automation and do exploratory work to identify areas of efficiency (e.g. with Spark, Rcpp, Docker). In some cases, I've reduced execution times from days to seconds.

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, importance sampling & subset simulation to accelerate simulations and other ideas in Bayesian statistics.