Jacob Chmura

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MACHINE LEARNING ENGINEER | APPLIED RESEARCHER

4 years of professional experience with proven delivery of performant ML systems and high-impact research

EDUCATION

♦ M.Sc. Computer Science - McGill University Advisors: Prof. Nicolas Le Roux and Prof. Reihaneh Rabbany

2024 - Present

♦ Honours B.Sc. Computer Science & Mathematics - UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SELECTED COURSES: COMPUTER VISION(100%), PROBABILISTIC LEARNING(95%), NLP(96%), DEEP LEARNING(91%) DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY(97%), MEASURE THEORY(95%), TOPOLOGY(93%), ANALYSIS(91%)

2017 - 2022 CGPA: 3.96

SELECTED

WORK EXPERIENCE

♦ Mila, Quebec AI Institute

2024 - Present

 $\mathit{ML}\ Researcher$ | Complex Data Lab

♦ Royal Bank of Canada, Algorithmic Research

2022 - 2024

ML Engineer | Reinforcement Learning Platform for Trading, Aiden

- \cdot Led research, architecture, and development of a smart order router optimizing exchange selection from real-time market features. Deployed multi-region, trading over 2B shares and saving 650k annually in exchange fees.
- \cdot Worked on a distributed feature store with ZMQ that publishes aggregated market features as a service. Streamed real-time price prediction signals with Cython accelerated code for the Aiden platform.
- · Addressed difficulty evaluating market impact by developing a new metric grounded in optimal transport theory. Measures distributional shifts in the limit order book and is robust to non-stationary market conditions.
- · Developed a Python library that manages the lifecycle of supervised learning tasks and designed APIs that integrate Apache Parquet and Pytorch with time series KDB data. Standardised model evaluation and versioning.
- · Led reinforcement learning research in compression-based auxiliary tasks that improve sample efficiency.

♦ Royal Bank of Canada, Algorithmic Research

2020 - 2021

ML Engineer, Intern | REINFORCEMENT LEARNING PLATFORM FOR TRADING, AIDEN

- · Led research and development of a decentralized multi-task policy gradient method that learns a unified policy across various trading objectives. Enabled online adaptation to client preferences, a significant leap in RL trading.
- \cdot Prepared models for production by automating simulation under different market regimes and reward designs.
- · Created a reinforcement learning reading group. Designed the curriculum and presented literature bi-weekly.

♦ Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence

2019 - 2020

ML Researcher | Quaid Morris Lab

- · Published an information-theoretic dynamic programming algorithm in C that reduces mutations needed to differentiate cancer by 20%. Found genome segmentation that maximize mutual information with cancer type.
- · Addressed lack of interpretability in a pre-trained tumour classifier by implementing DeepLIFT feature importance. Discovered spatial patterns in importance that reflected biological characters in mutation topology.
- · Built Python framework comparing predictive uncertainty estimators. Addressed trust barriers in clinical applications by reducing over-confident and rare misclassifications with ensembles and Monte-Carlo dropout.

♦ Fio Corp.

Aug 2017

Software Engineer, Intern

· Performed verification and validation of edge-based image classification system for disease diagnostics.

Patents & Publications

- ♦ Optimal division of the genome into regions with cancer specific differences in mutation
- ♦ Information Context Exploration for sparse Markov Decision Processes
- ♦ Multi-Objective Reinforcement Learning For Personalized Client Execution
- ♦ Multi-Objective Reinforcement Learning with Gradient Modulation

SELECTED PROJECTS

- ♦ Position Based Fluid Simulation | C++
- ♦ Deep Learning Cancer Classifier Feature Importance | Undergraduate Summer Research Program

AWARDS

◇ Royal Bank of Canada

- · RBC Performance Award Winner | 2023
- ♦ University of Toronto
 - · Louis Savlov Scholarship for Sciences | 2017-2020
 - · Ted Mossman Scholarship for Mathematics | 2017

SKILLS

- ♦ Languages
 - · Python, Cython, C, Q, Java, KDB, Bash, SQL, C++
- ♦ Frameworks
 - · Pytorch, Numpy, Pandas, Pyrarrow, Mlflow, Seaborn, Matplotlib
 - · ZMQ, Protobuf, gRPC, Spark, Kafka, Redis, Cassandra, Slurm