

## Kay Ayala

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### Education

Southern Methodist University	Nov 2018 – Dec 2020
Master's degree in Data Science	
University of California, Santa Cruz Extension	Dec 2017 – Apr 2018
Continuing education – programming	
University of California, San Diego	Sept 2014 – Jun 2017
BS. Cognitive Science with emphasis in Computation	

### Technical Skills

**Software and Programming Languages:** Python, C, Java, SAS, R, Matlab, SQL, NumPy, SciKit-Learn, SciPy, pandas, Tensorflow, Keras

**Selected Coursework:** Brain Computer Interfaces BCI, Neural Networks and Deep Learning NN DL, Machine Learning ML, Probability, Statistics, Experimental Design, Natural Language Processing NLP, Time Series Analysis

### Projects

#### Optical Character Recognition (OCR) for Arabic handwriting

- Classified Arabic handwritten character images with 93% accuracy
- Utilized a convolutional neural network using Tensorflow
- Implemented two convolutional layers each with their own pooling layer
- Utilized python and Jupyter Notebooks on Amazon Web Services (AWS) EC2

#### Project Nyx

- Total project consisted of 23 people over 48 hours
- Helped develop business objectives
- Assisted in coordination between management and modeling teams
- Assisted in data visualization and website design
- Assisted in communicating between reporting and modeling teams

#### Time Series Forecast of Bike Share Data

- Compared performance of ARMA, ARIMA, VAR, NN, and VAR-ARMA Ensemble
- Forecasted ridership
- Written in R using tswge

#### Markov Chord Progression Generator

- Implemented Markov chain to create and play new chord progressions
- Built the dataset from listings of common progressions
- Utilized python and pyaudio for sound generation

#### Performance Comparison of SVM, Decision trees DT, and K-nearest neighbors KNN

- Evaluated three datasets from the UC Irvine ML repository (wine production location estimation, wine quality classification, and breast cancer estimation)
- Written in python using NumPy and scikit-learn