

# Marco Edward Gorelli

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Data Scientist  
University of Oxford MSc  
**pandas** maintainer  
Kaggle competitions expert  
Prolific open source software contributor

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## Education

- 2016-2017**      **MRes, Mathematics of Planet Earth**; 2016-2017; Imperial College & University of Reading; Distinction
- Courses: Computational Stochastic Processes, Partial Differential Equations, Dynamical Systems, Data and Uncertainty, Numerical Methods
- Dissertation: Modelling the cloud and snow surface via KPZ equation
- 2015-2016**      **MSc, Mathematics and Foundations of Computer Science**; 2015-2016; University of Oxford
- Courses: Machine Learning, Categories Proofs and Processes, Quantum Computer Science, Networks, Computational Game Theory
- Dissertation: Deductive verification of the s2n HMAC code
- 2011-2015**      **BSc, Mathematics with Professional Practice**; Brunel University London; First Class Honours
- Dissertation: The Tutte Polynomial and the Merino-Welsh Conjecture
- Foster Award for “exceptional mathematical ability”, Level2 Award for highest grades

## Experience

**Data Scientist at Samsung R&D Institute UK**; Nov18 - now

- ML sales forecasting: I was tasked with improving an ML sales forecasting model. I identified bugs in the pipeline and then, with a significantly simpler approach, achieved:
  - 5 percentage points at both monthly and yearly level, according to company’s custom metric;
  - pipeline ran over 30x faster;
  - model was far more interpretable due to its simpler nature.
- Web scraping: project involved scraping data in order to make forecasts. My contributions were:
  - Wrote custom Bayesian forecasting model for making predictions, allowing for inclusion of domain knowledge and quantifying uncertainty
  - Wrote package to save ScrapingHub, Twitter, and third-party data to MongoDB, allowing team to reliably have access to data for insightful dashboard
- Remote monitoring: project involved remote sensors, from which we received data at regular intervals. My work included:

- Debugging and maintaining PySpark data engineering pipeline, finding+fixing numerous inconsistencies in the process and thus improving reliability
- Writing anomaly detection module which saved data to MongoDB, thus providing project's end-users with actionable insights
- Wearable application: co-worker had written Python ML model, which another co-worker had implemented in C++. However, I was told that it did not work reliably once deployed. Hence, I:
  - Debugged the Python and C++ code, fixing numerous inconsistencies which I then wrote a test-suite for
  - Re-defined evaluation metric, aligning model accuracy with real-world accuracy (previously the evaluation metric gave overly optimistic results)
- Mentoring: gave workshops to follow employees on:
  - test-driven development
  - easier code review via pre-commit
  - Bayesian methods
  - Markov chains for denoising images
  - SHAP values for ML model interpretability
  - static typing in Python
  - using `git` without getting angry
- Passed Samsung's *Advanced Software Engineering Test (C++)* (£500 reward)

#### **Data Scientist at Sedex; Jun18 - Nov18**

- Wrote custom model to work on survey data, beating third-party's benchmark
- Migrated JasperSoft dashboards to Tableau

#### **Data Scientist at Sensium; Jan18 - May18**

- Rewrote internal MATLAB visualisation tool in Python, "exceeding expectations"

#### **Maths tutor at Oxford Exclusif Tutorial Agency; Oct18 - Jan18**

#### **Risk Analyst Intern at General Electric Capital International; Jun13 - Jun14**

### Open source

#### **pandas; Aug19 - now**

Pandas is data wrangling platform for Python widely adopted in the scientific computing community. I've been contributing bug fixes and enhancements since August 2019, and in August 2020 was invited to join the core team. Some highlights of my activity include adding the new method `DataFrame.to_markdown` (featured in the **v1.0.0 release notes**) and hosting a pandas sprint at **PyData Festival Amsterdam**, where I mentored 15 attendees

#### **nbQA; Jul20 - now**

Open source code quality tool for Jupyter notebooks which I wrote. It's currently used by several open source projects (PyMC3, pyhf, pandas-profiling, and more) and was featured on the podcast Python Bytes. Source code: <https://github.com/nbQA-dev/nbQA>.

### Other projects

- Kaggle *Tweet Sentiment Extraction* competition:  
Task was to predict which parts of sentences were responsible for the given sentiment classification. I fine-tuned a pre-trained PyTorch RoBERTa NLP model, obtaining a top 8% score (bronze medal).

- Kaggle *M5 Forecasting - Uncertainty* competition:  
Task was to predict quantiles for Walmart sales. I blended together different variations of quantile regression Keras deep learning models, obtaining a top 8% score (bronze medal).

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