# Independent Study Proposal

Fall 2023 Nick Kellogg Professor Judy Fox

Topic: Time Series Interpretation and Sensitivity Analysis, Data Representation

### Overview

Help the team with assistance on the new project, which is aimed to develop a time series model to assist the financial department in determining factors affecting things like student loans and financial aid. I will work on specifically making a website to help display data found through lectures on Data Science classes provided to me. I also will work to integrate hands-on learning activities

## Literature Review/Background

- 1. https://tddg.github.io/ds5110-spring23/lectures/
- 2. TFT for Interpretable Multi-Horizon
- 3. http://rafalab.dfci.harvard.edu/dsbook/getting-started.html
- 4. https://github.com/tddg/ds5110-spring23/blob/main/assets/ray API demo.ipynb
- 5. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sdca8xPRLTBumEhoE0OJJB6WvuQ94lWS/view

Pasted above are all of the reference sites and documents that I have been using so far. If this is not what is being looked for here, I can provide better documentation.

## Hypotheses to be explored

- 1. How can we best display and present data to new students on data representation and learning models' systems?
  - a. What types of way should this data be presented?
  - b. What activities should these students participate in to best grasp these concepts?
- 2. What type of model, and data to use for the new research project for the Finance team?

### Expected research results

- 1. Reserach and understand Big Data Systems through watching lectures on classes and taking courses, specifically its application to learning models and Machine learning systems (MLSys)
- 2. Successfully design a web application for storing this information found, allowing for others to learn through it
- 3. Submit by deadline, with working and integrated ways for hands on learning through activities (AWS Academy, Jupyter Notebook)

## **Methodology**

#### Data

The data is mainly from varying websites and sources on big data systems, such as classes formerly taught or from Dr. Fox.

### **Primary Goal**

A book site that presents all of the information on big data systems, with integrated learning activities and a fluid design for others to use to increase their knowledge and comprehension of how Big Data Systems work and complement MLSys.

### Sub-Goals and Experiments

- 1. Integrate learning activities through AWS classroom into the book site.
- 2. Help Dr. Fox with presentation and website touch-ups / design in order to present information in a more comprehensible and organized way.
- 3. Design the book site to be easy to navigate and understand for new students.

## **Assignments**

#### **Effort**

I will spend 5-10 hours per week for this independent study, as much as I would normally do for a 3 credit CS course.

## **Schedule**

Week	Readings:	Code:	Paper Progress	Dr. Fox suggestions / Milestones
1			N/A	
2		Began CSS and HTML for intro website	N/A	Work towards a more fluid design with a focus on a different site / book design
3		Experimented	N/A	Integrate learning

	with AWS academy, Jupyter notebook for integration		objectives for students using the site
4	Furthered the website design with new navbar, as well as brought over notes from lectures done already	N/A	Begin working towards helping Dr. Fox with presentation and website layout / design
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12		Submit Research Paper & Submission?	
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