Kecy Wu

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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D in Quantitative Economics

Expected Jun 2022

• Dissertation: Essays on Entrepreneurship

Princeton University, B.S.E in Operations Research & Financial Engineering (GPA: 3.9/4.0)

Jun 2015

• Summa cum laude

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, Doctoral Researcher, Princeton, NJ

Sep 2016 – Present

- Merge several datasets using Python to construct empirical measures of startups' organizational capital.
- Build a new theoretical macroeconomic framework with a venture capitalist sector to solve the problem of financing high-productivity startups that lack collateral.
- Simulate a lottery experiment in Matlab based on summary statistics of the Norwegian economy to measure the effect of relaxing financing constraint on startup entry.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Wayfair, Economist Intern in Central Algorithms, remote

Jun 2021 – Aug 2021

- Built a causal tree model to estimate heterogeneous treatment effects of incidents on customer lifetime value.
- Selected empirical design by evaluating several causal machine learning techniques (post-LASSO, R learner).
- Manipulated large datasets using Google big query interface (SQL) and PySpark.
- Communicated methodology to colleagues working on similar projects through team-wide presentations.
- Influenced business decisions by presenting recommendations on handling damaged-orders.

Morgan Stanley, Analyst in Securitized Product Group, New York, NY

Jun 2014 – Feb 2016

- Modeled asset-backed securities using amortization schedule calculator to deliver tailored solutions to investors.
- Analyzed different types of collaterals such as clean energy and unsecured consumer loans.
- Worked cross-functionally with the issuing desk, rating agencies, and accountants.

Summer Analyst

• Proposed a new asset-backed securities product by analyzing corporate loans.

MACHINE LEARNING PROJECTS

Elite Data Science Academy

Jan 2021 – Mar 2021

- Constructed clusters of customers to a retailer based on purchase patterns using unsupervised learning algorithms.
- Predicted when employees will leave a company using classification algorithms.
- Predicted residential real estate prices for a REIT based in New York State using supervised learning algorithms.

TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, Assistant Instructor of Junior Independent Research, Princeton, NJ

Sep 2020 – Present

- Advised a group of 10 economics majors in a two-semester empirical research project.
- Provided step-by-step guidance on framing research questions, acquiring data, choosing empirical design, and running codes in Stata during weekly one-on-one appointments.

Princeton Chinese Theater, Director, Princeton, NJ

Sep 2011 – Jun 2014

• Managed a 20-member cast and crew team and directed the fall theater production "Rhinoceros in Love".

SKILLS

Technical: Python, SQL, PySpark (learning), R (occasional use), Matlab, Stata

Languages: English (fluent), Chinese (native)

Interests: figure skating – choreographing Meditation de Thais for adult level ice dance competitions