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Data scientist passionate about producing insightful data analysis and innovative data visualizations, enthusiastic about making friction-free user interfaces, and consistently seeking to improve the efficiency of the teams I work with.

Experience

Apple Product Design

Data Scientist and Visualization Engineer

February 2012 - Current

- Created simulations and visualizations that enabled rapid understanding of difficult concepts and instant identification of core issues. This involved writing various scripts and/or building reusable tools that continue to be used both within the team and by external groups. Wrote accompanying in-depth documentation and created various examples to help make these tools easy to understand and use.
- Architected and developed front end visualizations for viewing and monitoring manufacturing data in real-time.
- Optimized existing algorithms (both vendor-created and in-house) for speed.
- Performed validation of vendor algorithms to ensure correctness and validate performance claims.
- Wrote algorithms simulating various different design decisions to ensure the optimum design was chosen.
- Revamped an exiting product quality monitoring tool to improve usability and speed, as well as to permit more in-depth analysis of issues.
- Led hour long 'introductory' classes in `JMP` and `Excel` to other employees in the department. This involved introducing the attendees to the basics of data analysis in `JMP`, as well as training them on some of the lesser known 'tips and tricks' available for speeding up data processing.

Open Source Statistics Library

Papaya

January 2012

- Created and maintained the open-source `papaya` library — a collection of statistics, mathematics, and matrix manipulation related utilities — for the `Processing` programming environment.

Apple Industrial Design

Data Analyst Intern

May - Aug 2011

- Analyzed and visualized data specific to an at-the-time unreleased project with the help of various software platforms (primarily Matlab, Processing, Adobe Illustrator).

University of California at Berkeley

Research Assistant

2007-2011

- Helped develop and improve upon a model of the lumbar spine (models viewable at simtk.org/home/lumbarspine and simtk.org/home/spinebushing).
- Wrote algorithms to aid with data acquisition and interpretation of experimental data sets obtained from in-vitro testing of lumbar specimens. Ran extensive error analysis on the resulting data.
- Published articles in peer-reviewed journals on [a musculoskeletal model of the lumbar spine](#), [the dynamics of the intervertebral disc](#), [Cartesian stiffness matrices](#), [error analysis of experimentally obtained data sets](#), [quantification of rigid body motion using quaternions](#), and [plant growth dynamics](#).

University of California at Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 2007 & 2008, Spring 2009

- Led discussion lectures and help sessions for Intermediate Dynamics (2 semesters) and Introductory Dynamics (1 semester).
- Awarded the "Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award", 2008-2009 school year.

Technical

- Data Processing & Analysis: `R`, `Python`, `Javascript`, `Processing`, `Java`, `Matlab`, `JMP`.
- Data Visualization: `Javascript`, `R`, `JMP`, `Processing`, `Matlab`.
- Web Development: `Javascript` (`d3`, `React`), `CSS` / `Sass`, `Shiny-Server`, `node.js`, `postgres`.
- Other Misc: Unix shell scripting, `Git`, `Velocity`, Full MS Office and iWork suites.

Education

- | PhD in Mechanical Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, CA, 2008–2011.
 - | Masters in Mechanical Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, CA, 2006–2008.
 - | Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2002–2006.
 - | Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2002–2006.
 - | Bachelor of Arts in Physics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2002–2006.
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Awards

- | Departmental Block Grant Fellowship, Fall 2006, Summer 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011.
 - | Panel Speaker, Teaching Conference for New International Graduate Student Instructors , Fall 2010 & 2011.
 - | National Science Foundation Research Grant , Spring & Summer 2007, Spring & Summer 2008, Fall 2009, Summer & Fall 2010.
 - | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award , 2008–2009 Recipient.
 - | Penang International Biathlon 2006, Women’s runner-up.
 - | Youth Speaks for the Nation Elocution Contest , First Place Winner, 2001.
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Interests

- | Technical: Algorithm speed, Better ways of visualizing data, User-friendly documentation, User interfaces.
 - | Sports: Running, Strength training, Squash, Standing Desk-ing.
 - | Other: Human-Device interaction, Psychology, Perception, Design interfaces, Consumer behavior, Grocery shopping, Boiling water, Making ice, Trying to be funny.
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