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SUMMARY

I am an experienced software engineer and data scientist looking for new technical challenges at the intersection of computer science and statistics.

EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Databricks Inc. San Francisco, CA 2013-present

I am one of the first software engineers at Databricks. I lead the end-to-end development of several product

and open source features. Currently, I am responsible for R experience and machine learning ecosystem integration on the Databricks platform.

Senior Data Scientist Apple Inc. 2012-2013 Cupertino, CA

I worked on modeling and improving accuracy and performance of Siri. My job required collaboration and data-driven communication with several other teams.

Research Assistant UCLA

2008-2012 Los Angeles, CA

I worked with Prof. Deborah Estrin on mobile sensing and mobile health projects at the Center for Embedded Networked Sensing of UCLA.

Research Intern Cisco Systems San Jose, CA Summer 2010

I worked on vehicular mobile networking at Advanced Architecture and Research Group.

Microsoft Research Intern

Redmond, WA Summer 2009

I worked at Microsoft Research to understand how users interact with their smartphones.

Research Assistant University of Waterloo

Waterloo, Ontario, Canada 2006-2008

I was a research assistant of Prof. S. Keshav on the KioskNet project.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Computer Science

University of California, Los Angeles, CA 2012

MMath. Computer Science

University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada 2008

BS. Computer Engineering

Sharif University of Technology, Iran 2006

Diploma, Mathematics and Physics

National Organization for Exceptional Talents, Iran 2002

Graduate Coursework

• University of Waterloo: Advanced Algorithms, Game-Theoretic Methods, Internet Services and Performance, Computer and Communications Security, System Performance Evaluation

- UCLA, Statistics: Applied Probability, Theoretical Statistics, Advanced Modeling and Inference, Regression Analysis
- UCLA, Computer Science: Approximation Algorithms, Online Algorithms, Internet Architecture and Protocols, Advanced Topics in Internet Research, Queueing Systems Theory, Embedded Systems

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Scala, Java, R, Python
- Machine Learning & Statistical Analysis: Linear Modeling, Exploratory Data Analysis, Statistical Data Visualization
- **Performance Engineering**: Distributed Systems, JVM-based Applications, Service-oriented Architecture, Web Applications

Publications

Full list of citations are available on my Google Scholars page.

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 "Design and Implementation of the KioskNet System (Extended Version)," University of Waterloo Technical Report, November 2007.
- S. Guo, M.H. Falaki, E.A. Oliver, S. Ur Rahman, A. Seth, M.A. Zaharia, and S. Keshav, "Very Low-Cost Internet Access Using KioskNet," ACM CCR, October 2007.
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- Alireza Vahdatpour, Ahmadreza Tavakoli and Hossein Falaki, "Hierarchical Graph: A New Cost Effective Architecture for Network on Chip," IFIP EUC, December 2005.