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Mathematician and Computer Scientist alexandermichels.github.io github.com/alexandermichels

Education

Westminster College

New Wilmington, PA

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Financial Economics

August 2015 - May 2019

- 3.7 GPA; Minor in Computer Science
- Honors Thesis in Hierarchical Temporal Memory focused on A.I. and Time Series Analysis
- Endowment Fund, Honors Program, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Men's Choir, Omicron Kappa Sigma, Pi Sigma Pi, and Secretary of Robotics Team

Professional Experience

Informatics Researcher

Los Angeles, CA

Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics at UCLA / Praedicat, Inc.

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June 2018 -August 2018

- Selected to be a part of 2018's Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS) at UCLA.
- Worked for Praedicat, Inc. automating information extraction, classification, and aggregation from unstructured web data for business profiling of over 52,600 companies and corporate entities.
- Used big data, deep neural networks, knowledge graphs, parallel programming, RDFs, and many other techniques to provide Praedicat, Inc. with a new tool for automatically finding information.

Data Scientist

New Castle, PA

Treloar & Heisel

September 2018 - Present

- Responsible for data science and automation necessary for building, maintaining, and utilizing databases including data validation, database normalization, and automated report generation.
- Developed a variety of applications for company use in Java, Python, and Visual Basic.

Software Engineer and Systems Administrator

New Wilmington, PA

Titan Radio and WCN 24/7

May 2018 - Present

- Responsible for the hardware and software required to keep the radio and television station operating.
- Wrote software to automate work and improve user experience including a program to automatically
 update the weather conditions on air and automatically Tweet Severe Weather Warnings.

Web Developer and Teaching Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Westminster College

August 2015 - Present

- Lead recruitment efforts including bringing a Girls Who Code Club to campus and developing a
 website for marketing and recruiting purposes using React and Ruby on Rails.
- Assisted professors in grading, working with students individually, and developing curriculum for classes covering coursework in Calculus, Computer Science, and Operations Research.

Research Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Dr. Charles Shaffer

January 2017 - May 2018

- Integrated cryptocurrency trading into Dr. Shaffer's algorithmic currency trading application.
- We explored inefficiencies between exchanges and backtested technical strategies such as Donchian Channels and Bollinger Bands on Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Litecoin.

Research

Using ARIMA Models to Capture the Predictive Power of Hierarchical Temporal Memory $December\ 2017$ - Present

- Ongoing research in computational neuroscience, specifically HTMs modeled after the neocortex.
- Working to find a mathematical analogy to the predictive power of cortical learning algorithms using ARIMA models to better explain the functions of each part of the neocortex.

Computational Fact-Checking through Relational Similarity based Path Mining

July 2018 - Present

- Developed an algorithm in Python and Cython for computational fact-checking on knowledge networks called *RelPredPath* based on network flow, relational similarity, and discriminative path mining
- Presented our work at IPAM, will be presenting at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting, and continually optimizing in the hopes of publishing

Minimum Square Deviance k-Chinese Postman Problems

August 2017 - December 2017

- Worked on this variation of the k-Chinese Postman Problem with Dr. Natacha Merz. We focused on finding solutions for lattice graphs like the square grid graph.
- Unable to prove any of our results because of the intractability of the problem.

Algorithmic Game Theory

January 2017 - May 2017

- Developed simple machine learning algorithms in Java to play repeated-play simultaneous games such as Chicken and the Colonel Blotto Game.
- Presented my results at Westminster's 2017 Undergraduate Research and Arts Celebration and the Mathematical Association of America's Allegheny Mountain Section 2017 Spring Meeting.

Optimizing Throughput, Cost, and Safety in Toll Booth Plazas

January 2017

- Lead a team of mathematicians over a single weekend in COMAP's International Mathematical Modeling Competition to produce a 20-page research paper.
- Received Honorable Mention for our solution, placing us in the top 13 in the United States and presented our results at 2017 Pi Mu Epsilon Regional Conference

Conferences and Talks

January 2019
Los Angeles, CA
July 2018
Los Angeles, CA
April 2018
New Wilmington, PA
April 2017
Pittsburgh, PA
April 2017
New Wilmington, PA
February 2017
Youngstown, OH

Awards

Best Robot in Division Prize for Senior Unique Division	August 2018
• "Robot in the Division with the lowest Total Final Scores"	rinity Fire Fighting Robot Contest
North America Award for Level 2	August 2018
"The top North American robot in Level 2"	rinity Fire Fighting Robot Contest
Dr. Thomas R. Nealeigh Mathematics Scholarship	March 2018
"awarded to an outstanding junior or senior mathematics major"	$We stminster\ College$
Paul E. Brown Memorial Scholarship	March 2017
"given based on merit and academic achievement"	$We stminster\ College$
Mathematics Book Award	March 2017
"presented to the sophomore Mathematics major with the highest GPA'	Westminster College
RIT Computing Medal	May 2014
"in recognition of outstanding achievement in computing"	Rochester Institute of Technology