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### SKILLS

#### Skills:

- Languages: Python, R, SAS, SQL, CUDA, C++, AWS, GCP, Shiny, Heroku, Git, Pytorch, TensorFlow.
- AI/DL/RL/ML Knowledge:

https://nvidia.qwiklab.com/public\_profiles/5521a192-c2e9-4899-9750-500959646159

• GCP/AWS:

https://qwiklabs.com/public\_profiles/032b735c-3942-4f65-96e2-46bc821a884a

### **PROJECTS**

# SpeedLegal Legal Document Analyzer (Startup):

- Building model using machine learning and rule-based approach to analyze legal documents
- Using Python, NLTK, PyTorch, and PDFminer API to build NLP models, used Flask, React, Docker, and QT to build front-end applications.

# **Deep Learning for Cancer Classification with Gene Expression Data:**

- Built a deep learning model to classify cancer types.
- Accomplished a state of the art performance as measured by the accuracy of >97% and the false positive/ negative rates of <0.2% by using transfer learning approach.
- Used Python, TensorFlow, Deep Autoencoder (VAE), Scikit-learn.

# Parallelized Interactive Machine Learning on Autonomous Vehicles:

- Used a driving game simulating environment to developed an interactive reinforcement learning model.
- Accomplished a faster model convergence rate as measured by the validation loss over epochs by integrating a human interactive reinforcement learning model.
- Used Python, Unreal Engine API, Convolution Neural Network, Deep Q-learning.

## **Protein Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Reference Correction:**

- Built a statistical base model for an estimate of reference correcting values for protein.
- Implemented a Bayesian probabilistic framework to improve the model performance
- Surpassed the state of the art performance as measured by reference error below +/- 0.22 ppm at 90% confidence interval. (State of the art is around 1ppm.)
- Used Python, R, Multi-processing Programming, Statistical Learning, Bayesian, etc..

# **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

## The University of Kentucky, (No-degree) Computer Science

Aug 2016 to Jun 2019

• Courses include: Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Advanced Data Science, Interactive Machine Learning, Numerical Analysis, Calculus IV, and Linear Algebra.

## University of Kentucky, Ph.D. Bioinformatics & MA Cert. Statistics

Aug 2013 to Jun 2019

- Courses include: Statistical Analysis, Design & Analysis of Experiments, Computational Inference, Theory of Probability, Intro to Statistical Methods, Regression & Correlation, Statistical Inference, Clinical Trial, Survival and Life Testing, Linear Model & Experimental Design, Longitudinal Data Analysis, Analysis of Categorical Data.
- **Dissertation:** Automatic 13C Chemical Shift Reference Correction of Protein NMR Spectral Data Using Data Mining and Bayesian Statistical Modeling (<a href="https://doi.org/10.13023/etd.2019.057">https://doi.org/10.13023/etd.2019.057</a>)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Verb Surgical 2019 - Present

# **Data Scientist & Machine Learning Engineer (Intern)**

- Mountain View, CA
- Worked with a multi-disciplinary team to develop surgical analytics software for a digital surgery platform.
- Improved model performance of more than 5x as measured by accuracy and recall by integrating a video frame data-filtering pipeline and a two-output transform learning model with CNN and LSTM.
- Archived a real-time prediction by integrating the signal process methods.
- Leveraged knowledge in data science, machine learning, statistics, and model scalability.

Technologies: Python, R, Computer Vision, PyTorch, Unit-test, CNN, LSTM, VAE, Docker, etc...

# **Nvidia Deep Learning Institute**

2018 - Present

# University Ambassadors / Deep Learning Institute (DLI) Certified Instructor

- To deliver deep learning courses on Computer Vision, Multiple Data Type Analysis, Natural Language Processing, CUDA programming.
- Contents include: Image classification, Object Detection, Image Segmentation, Word Generation, Image and Video Captioning, Text Classification, Text Translation, etc.

# Dept. of Statistics, University of Kentucky

2017 - 2019

# Research Collaborator

Lexington, KY

- Build a High-performance Cluster (HPC) simulation pipeline for the Mix-Gamma Model with R.
- Simulated data from different gamma distributions.
- Implemented unit-test, libraries, and workflow for experiments

Technologies: R, HPC, Slum, Bash, etc..

# Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Kentucky

2013 - 2019

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Lexington, KY

- Worked on the construction of Protein NMR Reference Correction and Protein NMR Deuteration Level Detection frameworks.
- Designed and implemented the corresponding software package (BaMORC) and web application.
- Created R package 'BMRBr' for easy download and processing of BMRB files.

Technologies: R, RStudio, Python, Shiny, Docker, etc..

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Operation Code2019 - PresentProgrammerOperationCode.org

Serve as a programming volunteer for Operation Code.

### **Golden Gate Outreach**

Food distributor

2019 - Present

Golden Gate Park, SF, CA

• Serve as a host to distribute food to the person in need.

## <u>PUBLICATION</u>

## Papers:

- Finite Mixture-of-Gamma Distributions: Estimation, Inference, and Model-Based Clustering, *Advances in Data Analysis and Classification, May 2019*
- Automatic 13C Chemical Shift Reference Correction for Unassigned Protein NMR Spectra, *Journal of Biomolecular NMR, Aug 2018*
- Parallelized Interactive Machine Learning on Autonomous Vehicles, NAECON Dec 2018
- Deep Learning by Doing: The Nvidia Deep Learning Institute, *Journal of Computational Science Education,* Dec 2018
- Pan-Cancer Epigenetic Biomarker Selection from Blood Sample Using SAS®, MWSUG, Sep 2018

# Packages:

- BaMORC: Bayesian Model Optimized Reference Correction Method for Assigned and Unassigned Protein NMR Spectra, *CRAN*, 2018
- BMRBr: a package that helps R users to analyze data from BMRB data repo by simplifying the download procedure.

# Workshops:

• CUDA Programming Workshop, UK ACM 18

• Deep Learning for Computer Vision Workshop, UK ACM 19

# **Reward and Certification Highlights**

- SIAM International Conference on Data Mining Dissertation Travel Award (2018)
- MWSUG Conference Paper Scholarship (2018)
- Grow with Google Challenge Scholarship (2017/18)
- SC18 Paper Scholarship (2018)
- SAS Certified Clinical Trials Programmer, Statistical Business Analyst, Advanced Programmer
- Deeplearn.ai Certification Series (Coursera)

Preferred Locations: Flexible; currently located in San Francisco, CA

Nationality: Chinese