BIRAJ PARIKH

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Summary: Experience Data Scientist skilled at ingesting, analyzing, interpreting large datasets and developing predictive models to unravel business problems. Possessing an extensive analytical skill with a passion to solve complex problems using Deep learning.

EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington

Aug 2019 – May 2021

Master's in Data Science

GPA: 3.8 / 4

Coursework: Applied Algorithms, Data Mining, Machine Learning, Computer Vision.

Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering, University of Mumbai, India

Dec 2013 - May 2017

CGPA: 3.7 / 4

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering,

Relevant Coursework: Linear Algebra, Calculus, Statistics and probability theory.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited. Mumbai

May 2018 – Jun 2019

Junior Data Scientist

- Worked with cross-functional stakeholders to streamline an automated data pipeline resulting in 20% redundancy reduction.
- Optimized Real-Time and Robust spark jobs by 15% to transform the streaming data into the optimal format.
- Analyzed performance of the Hive scripts to find bottlenecks.
- Presented analyses by building powerful Dashboards on ZoomData to visualize transformed and aggregated streaming data.

Piramal Corporate Service Limited, Mumbai

Oct 2017 - Apr 2018

Data Science Intern

- Implemented a predictive model to predict whether the debtor will repay the loan amount or not based on the past transaction behaviour of the dealers which benefitted the organization to **fine-tune** their business strategy.
- Suggested web-scraping framework as another measure to validate user information which accounted for 5% in the overall decision.

PROJECTS

Glassdoor Analytics (Python, Machine learning, Deployment) [App Link]

Feb 2020

• Deployed an ML model to predict whether customer will renew the job slot product subscription for the Glassdoor Analytics use-case.

Amazon Fine Food Reviews (NLP, Machine learning classifiers, Pandas, Numpy)

Dec 2019

- Performed Data Cleaning & Data Preprocessing like removed html tags, punctuations, Stop-words and Stemmed the words using Porter Stemmer.
- ◆ Applied K-Nearest Neighbour, Naive Bayes using Bernoulli NB & Multinomial NB, Logistic Regression, SVM with rbf(radial basis function) kernel, Decision Trees, Random Forest.
- Evaluated the test data on various performance metrics like accuracy, f1-score, precision, recall, etc. also plotted Confusion matrix using seaborn.

Recommender System (Python, Machine learning, Collaborative filtering, Content-based filtering)

April 2018

- Developed a system to possibly recommend the insurance policies to the customers based on the historical data.
- Performed exploratory data analysis on the past transactions of the customers.
- Implemented Item-Item and User-Based collaborative filtering.

Classification using Natural Language Processing (Python, NLP, NLTK, MatplotLib, Machine Learning Classifiers)

July 2017

- Designed and implemented a multi-label classifier to detect the user intent and classify the user chat into the following categories like travel, recharge, nearby, food, movies, reminders, and others.
- Pre-processed raw data using tokenizer, stop word removal, stemming and lemmatization using NLTK library.
- ♦ Utilized sklearn (One-vs-Rest Multi-label Classification) and visualized the output through word clouds.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- ♦ Machine Learning: Classification, Regression, Clustering, Feature engineering, Neural Nets, Ensemble Learning.
- ◆ Languages and Scripts: Python, R, Keras, Scala, PySpark, SQL, shell-scripting, Flask.
- ◆ Python & R Libraries: Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-learn, NLTK, Requests, Beautiful Soup, Plotly, Matplotlib, tidyverse, ggplot2, dplyr.
- Framework: Hadoop, Apache Spark, HBase, Cassandra, Hive, Nifi, Apache Kafka, Apache Airflow, Spark Streaming, AWS.
- ♦ Databases & Tools: MySQL, NOSQL, MongoDB, Neo4j, XML, Tableau, Git, GitHub, MS Office tools, Linux, Docker.

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Led a team of 30 volunteers for conducting campaigns such as Beach Cleaning drive, Safety health measures, Reduce Water wastage to spread awareness and healthy environment.
- Worked with Indian Development Foundation (IDF) a National NGO for organizing various events like Blood Donation Drives and fortunate to be a part of the Swachh Bharat Campaign, world's largest cleanliness initiative.
- ◆ Completed a four-month long Data Science Engineering Certification course at GreyAtom, Mumbai.
- Wrote blogs on the topic related to machine learning and statistics @medium.com.