J. BLAKE BULLWINKEL

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Expected June 2022

M.S. in Data Science. GPA 3.93/4.0.

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

June 2020

B.A. in Mathematics, Chinese. GPA 3.83/4.0 (cum laude)

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

June 2019

Attended as a visiting student as part of the selective, year-long Williams-Exeter Program at Oxford.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Microsoft, Data Scientist

Starting August 2022

• Data Scientist in the Cloud and AI group.

PepsiCo R&D, Data Science & Analytics Intern

Summer 2021

- Developed Python package for anomaly detection of water usage time series using statistical and ML methods.
- Trained time series models (ARIMA, Facebook Prophet, LSTM) to forecast water efficiency of future weeks, lowering the mean validation RMSE across 17 beverage plants by 43% in comparison to a moving average baseline.
- Developed an automated data pipeline with actionable insights in Power BI that has been adopted nationwide.

Marble, Co-Founder

Summer 2020–Present

- Leading the development of a mobile app that provides carbon footprint estimates for 200,000+ grocery products.
- Team of three accepted into the 2021 Harvard i-lab Venture Program for three consecutive semesters (website).

Zola Electric, Digital Platforms Intern

Summer 201

· Queried time series data using MySQL to identify transaction delays in solar electricity startup's software platform.

SELECTED PROJECTS

Harvard IQSS-Microsoft Collaboration on Differential Privacy

Sept 2021-Present

- Working with Microsoft data scientists to research the fairness impact of differentially private data synthesis.
- Developed pre-processing method to mitigate bias of synthesizers in SmartNoise Python library.

GANs for Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations

Feb 2021–Presen

• Researching and developing methods to improve the training stability of DEQGAN, a novel generative adversarial network for solving differential equations, and extending results to partial and stochastic equations (master's thesis).

DreamDiff Python Package

Dec 20

- Led a team of three to develop a Python package that implements forward-mode automatic differentiation (PyPI).
- Added extensions for root-finding, optimization by gradient descent, quadratic splines, and visualization methods.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Exeter College Boat Club, Oxford, UK, Rowing Captain

Spring 2019

· Elected to lead the Exeter College Boat Club as the men's rowing captain during year abroad at Oxford.

Williams College, Williamstown, MA, Chinese Teaching Assistant

2017-2020

• Selected by Chinese department to act as a salaried assistant to professors through 1:1 tutoring sessions.

HONORS AND AWARDS

IACS Student Scholarship to support data science thesis research (\$20,000 award)	2021
Goldberg Prize in Mathematics for the best mathematics colloquium (department-wide senior prize)	2020
Linen Prize in Chinese for achieving distinction in Chinese (department-wide senior prize)	2020
Carolyn Korthals Altes Scholarship for academics and potential to contribute to society	2019
UWCSEA Class of '16 Graduation Student Speaker elected by peers to deliver student address	2016

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Programming	Python (NumPy, pandas, sklearn, statsmodels, TensorFlow, PyTorch), R, SQL, HTML/CSS
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Methods Statistical machine learning, time-series analysis, stochastic methods, deep learning

Language Working proficiency in written and spoken Chinese (Mandarin)

Interests Rowing, photography, writing (Medium blog), Rubik's cube solving (WCA profile)