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EDUCATION

BROCK UNIVERSITY

MSC STATISTICS

Apr 2021 | St. Catharines, ON, CA

BROCK UNIVERSITY

BSc MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

Dec 2019 | St. Catharines, ON, CA

Business Minor

Co-op Distinction

Cum. GPA: 3.61 / 4

Major GPA Class Rank: 1st

PROJECTS [\(GITHUB\)](#)

Predicting PGA Tour Performance [\(GitHub\)](#)

- Optimized Lasso, Ridge & XGBoost Regression models, as well as Logistic Regression, Decision Tree & XGBoost Classification models using Python.
- Utilized Python and BeautifulSoup to scrape statistics (50 million rows) recorded on the PGA Tour (#1 trending Kaggle data set out of 25,000).

Predicting NHL Player Salaries

[\(GitHub\)](#)[\(Kaggle\)](#)

- Optimized LASSO, ridge, decision tree, kernel smoothing & XGBoost regression models in R to create predictive models.

Professional Golf Database [\(GitHub\)](#)

- Utilized Python, BeautifulSoup & Selenium to create 6 web-scraping programs.

SKILLS

TECHNICAL

- Python • R • SQL • SAS • Excel
- Power BI • Git • \LaTeX • Tableau

RELEVANT COURSES

- Stochastic Modelling (97%)
- Statistical Learning (91%)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Applied Calculus
- Programming with Mathematics

EXTRACURRICULAR

- Brock University Artificial Intelligence Network - Executive
- RBC FutureMakers - Event Assistant

EXPERIENCE

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA | DATA ANALYST

May – Aug 2019 | Anti-Money Laundering Insights & Analytics | Toronto, ON

- Developed a PoC created in Python to screen high-risk Individuals based on AML regulations, replaced \$100,000+ per year outsourced model; reduced the possibility of false negatives by nearly 12%, while eliminating 7% of existing false positives.
- Developed a list integrity program using Python & SQL, to automatically compare individuals on sanctions lists with the RBC AML database to ensure accurate records; project estimated by IT department to cost \$400,000 if not developed within department.
- Presented projects to Chief Anti Money Laundering Officer, Head of AML RBC Europe and Asia, SVP & VP.

CANADIAN TIRE FINANCIAL SERVICES | DATA ANALYST

Sept – Dec 2018 | Sports Analytics | Oakville, ON

- Created SQL queries written in SAS to add new inputs to a logistic regression model calculating the probability of an athlete to place on the podium at a major event, resulting in a 10% increase in adjusted R-squared.
- Created an automated data pipeline process for the Canadian Olympic Bobsleigh Team, using Python for web scraping, SAS for data manipulation and statistical modelling, and Tableau for data visualization, processing GPS data acquired 100 times per second.
- Developed web scraping programs for the world diving & short track speed skating websites using Python and the BeautifulSoup library.

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION | DATA SCIENTIST

May – Aug 2018 | Internal Consulting | St. Catharines, ON

- Utilized boosted tree-methods and feature engineering to increase accuracy of OPS Fleet Vehicle cancellation model by greater than 20%, equivalent to savings of \$1.33 million over 3 years.
- Created an anomaly detection model and Power BI dashboards to analyze pass/fail patterns within Ontario Drivers Test Centres.
- Utilized Microsoft Azure Blob Storage to link Ontario Control Survey Information System large images to Power BI dashboard.

RESEARCH

BROCK UNIVERSITY | MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Jan 2020 - Present | St. Catharines, ON, CAN

Worked with Dr. William Marshall researching gradient boosting methods applied to ranking problems. Received \$12,000 research grant from Canada Summer Games.

AWARDS

2019	1/43,000	Ontario Co-op Student of the Year
2019	University	Highest Major Average in Department for Graduating Class
2020	Provincial	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
2020	National	Canada Summer Games Research Grant (\$12,000)
2020	University	Art Bicknell Graduate Scholarship in Mathematics (\$2,800)
2019	1/3,000	Brock University Co-op Student of the Year
2020	University	Dean of Graduate Studies Research Fellowship (\$5,000)