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#### SUMMARY

· Quantitative scientist working at the intersection of statistics/machine learning, research science, **Profile** 

product management, and data/software engineering

**Areas of Expertise** · Cross-functional collaboration to productionize/engineer data-driven products and features

· Bayesian statistics (causal inference, hierarchical models, model selection, nonparametric methods)

· Classical statistics (statistical learning, experimental design, mixed models, time series)

· Deep learning (artificial/recurrent/convolutional neural networks)

· Python, Tensorflow, Keras, LightGBM, R, SQL, Spark, jupyter, Vim, LTEX Frequently Used

**Sometimes Used** · Java, C++, HTML, CSS, Javascript

### EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist II, Global Intelligence Core Analytics and Science

Uber, San Francisco, CA 01/2020-Present

- · Engineered an ensemble of predictive models using internal and third-party data to identify rare user groups for multimillion dollar experiments; improved legacy model performance by a factor of 2
- · Analyzed the aforementioned experiments to identify statistically significant metrics, and dissected the limitations of the existing experimental design to improve future allocation of resources
- Estimated point and interval values of competitive intelligence metrics used in executive decision-making
- · Identified and corrected multiple errors and inefficiencies found in the team repository, ranging from production code to deliverables used by stakeholders

#### Senior Data Scientist, Data and Research

BitSight, Boston, MA 10/2017-01/2020

- · Led all data science projects for third-party cybersecurity risk management, including:
- · Tier Recommender: BitSight's first machine learning based product, which leverages unique network data
- · Enterprise Analytics: a product that computes and evaluates hypothetical risk scenarios for corporations
- · Fourth-Party Risk Management: a tool that provides visibility into business ecosystems
- · Designed observational studies to evaluate the association and causality of relationships pertaining to efficacy of products, impact of extraneous events, and influence of internal interventions
- · Supervised Master's-level intern working on 1) validation of external financial data and 2) sales and marketing analytics
- · Organized reading groups covering advanced topics in forecasting, prediction intervals, and model evaluation

## **Technical Advisor, Data Science Fellow**

Insight Data Science, Boston, MA 05/2017-09/2019

- · As Technical Advisor: Mentored data science projects for PhD graduates and postdoctoral fellows by providing weekly 1-on-1 feedback on project ideation/viability, data considerations, modeling techniques, and communication skills
- · As Data Science Fellow: Consolidated and cleaned multiple data sources to tally millions of labeled data points to predict and visualize real-time supply and demand at 200 bike-sharing stations

#### **EDUCATION**

# PhD, Biostatistics

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- · Conducted and published statistical research on applied problems in genetics, health care policy, and end-of-life care
- · Developed novel methods and R code for handling sampling bias, misclassified outcomes, correlated outcomes, intractable cross-validation, hierarchical structures, and confounding
- · Taught graduate-level classes in introductory statistics/epidemiology, statistical methods, and Bayesian statistics

## **BMath, Statistics and Actuarial Science**

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

- · Graduated with Distinction Dean's Honours List (Highest Honors)
- · Completed six work semesters at Logitech, Hewitt Associates (now Blackstone), Manulife Financial, and Munich Re

# Personal Projects

Stephen A.I. Smith · Twitter bot trained on Stephen A. Smith's tweets, using transfer learning via Open Al's GPT-2 model,

GloVe Twitter embeddings, and a Bidirectional LSTM model for scoring generated tweets

CRISPR-be-deep · Exploration of gene editing data using convolutional and recurrent neural networks