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SUMMARY

Profile • Quantitative scientist working at the intersection of applied statistics, machine learning, research

science, software engineering, and product management

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)

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

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

EXPERIENCE

Research Data Scientist (IC5), Infrastructure Quantitative Engineering Facebook, New York, NY 02/2021-Present

· Collaborate as the core scientific point of contact in a 100 person team to build, improve, and migrate users to internal infrastructure tools used by engineers and scientists at Facebook

· Oversee all components of the data sub-team, including prioritization, allocation, production modeling, dashboards, ad hoc requests, and data pipelines

· Plan and execute projects by meeting with other core members in engineering, product, design, and UX research

· Mentor members of the team through identifying compatible projects, 1-on-1 meetings, and technical guidance

Data Scientist II, Global Intelligence

Uber, San Francisco, CA 01/2020-02/2021

· Estimated point and interval values of competitive intelligence metrics used in executive decision-making

• 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

· 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 BitSight's first machine learning based product, multiple analytical tools, and observational studies to evaluate association and causality
- · Supervised Master's-level intern working on 1) validation of external financial data and 2) sales/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 08/2012-09/2017

- · 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 Bayesian statistics, statistical methods, and introductory statistics/epidemiology

BMath, Statistics and Actuarial Science

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada 09/2007-06/2012

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