ERIC CHANG

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education No

Northwestern University
B.S. Industrial Engineering
GPA: **3.53/4.00**

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experience

Classy Data Scientist Intern

San Diego, CA

Oct 17 - Dec 17

- Developed model pipeline to perform clustering and ranking of charitable organizations by similarity, for use in a recommender system. (xgboost, catboost, Gower Similarity, k-means)
- Implemented Gower Similarity from the original paper in numpy and optimized with a Cython extension for a 100x speedup.

Groupon
Software Engineering Intern

Seattle, WA Jun 17 - Sep 17

- Built internal tool to monitor for abnormal web traffic using statistical anomaly detection; wrote frontend and backend. Identified 4+ issues weekly after deployment, improving data integrity.
- Wrote Spark jobs (Scala) to deduplicate website visitor data. Productionized time series model by parallelizing for a 60x speedup and tuning hyperparameters to reduce MAE from 10% to 4%.

Autodesk Data Scientist Intern San Francisco, CA Jun 16 - Sep 16

- Researched and implemented customer segmentation rules with k-means and hierarchical clustering, improving targeted marketing on 200K+ Autodesk Fusion 360 users.
- Built user retention model using a novel application of text mining methods (tf-idf) and logistic regression, working closely with nontechnical teams to improve customer stickiness.

Northwestern University Teaching Assistant

Evanston, IL

Jan 17 - Present

- EECS 395: Systems Programming in Rust teach Rust labs and introduce GitHub Classroom.
- IMC 490: Machine Learning taught R labs and introduced dplyr/tidyr to curriculum.
- IMC 498: Media Automation taught lectures on basic Python and Python for data science.

open source & projects

scikit-learn (25,000★)

github.com/scikit-learn/scikit-learn

Contributed **sklearn.preprocessing.PowerTransformer:** core implementation and usage guide (scikit-learn 0.20). Contributed various patches adding features and documentation.

ggphysics (21 ★) github.com/chang/ggphysicsCreated demo of R and ggplot2 used to make physics animations - featured on Rweekly.org.

icecream-rs

github.com/chang/icecream-rs

Wrote Rust library that parses backtraces to extract useful information for debugging.

skills Languages: **Python, R, SQL** (Advanced) **Scala, Rust, C++** (Proficient)

Tools: **Git, UNIX/Bash, Apache Spark, Docker, AWS EC2**Other: Certified SolidWorks Professional - Mechanical Design

awards 1st Place, 2017 Master of Science in Analytics Deep Learning Poster Competition

1st Place, 2017 American Red Cross Hackathon

2nd **Place**, 2016 Allstate Event Prediction Challenge (Northwestern)

activities

3D4E - 3D Printing for Everyone, *Founder/President*

Mar 16 - Jan 18

Founded and led Northwestern's first club dedicated to 3D Printing. Grew club to 14 members, secured \$1,000 in funding, and held workshops at local schools to promote engineering education.

Toastmasters International, Member

Mar 14 - Mar 16

Wrote and delivered speeches on a regular basis, building confidence with public speaking.