David Arbour

EMAIL:darbour@cs.umass.edu PHONE:(413)-559-8898 Website:darbour.github.io

EDUCATION

2016 (Expected) University of Massachusetts Amherst; Amherst, MA

> Ph.D. Computer Science Advisor: David Jensen

Thesis: "Measuring Causal Dependence in Relational Data"

University of Massachusetts Amherst; Amherst, MA 2/2015

> M.S. Computer Science Advisor: David Jensen

University of Massachusetts Amherst; Amherst, MA

B.S. Computer Science

Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

Current UMass Amherst

6/2011

Research Assistant Amherst, MA

- Conducted research leveraging graphical models and statistical relational learning for improved automated causal discovery algorithms.
- Designed model for predicting future part failures for Pratt & Whitney, resulting in an order of magnitude increase in forecasting ability.
- Performed quasi-experimental designs (QEDs) to identify heterogeneity in the underlying process of publication and citation across scientific publication venues.

3/2015

Scaling Data (now Rocana) Data Science Consultant

6/2014

- Created and prototyped real-time anomaly detection algorithms for detecting unusual events in distributed system environments.
- · Researched and developed an automatic template discovery algorithm for machine generated log messages.
- Performed exploratory analysis of large machine generated system log datasets and presented identified areas of research potential to CTO.

8/2013

Apple

6/2013

Data Science Intern Cupertino, CA

- · Developed and prototyped a novel temporally aware collaborative filtering algorithm for iOS app recommendation.
- Performed ad-hoc analyses of user behavior of on the app-store.
- · Created web-based analytics dashboard.
- Presented results to Apple app-store management team.

12/2010 Vertica Systems (acquired by HP)

6/2010

Billerica, MA

- Developed web-based reporting system in Java for company-wide testing framework. .
- Created tools for historical analysis of test-failures and in-depth reporting of individual errors.
- Designed database runtime reporting web application using Javascript and PHP.

6/2010

UMass Amherst

9/2008

Research Assistant Amherst, MA

- Rewrote video processing program of PAOL an automatic lecture capture system, allowing for in process analysis and writing of video, reducing runtime from 8 hours to near real-time.
- Evaluated system by conducting surveys of students in courses using PAOL.

8/2009 6/2009

IBM WebAhead Group

Intern

Cambridge, MA

- Wrote intranet crawler to discover intra-company RSS feeds using Hadoop.
- Crafted analysis of RSS feed data, showing connections within company communications and impact of inner company blogs.
- Implemented email-based intra-company RSS subscription service using Python and Django; service was highest user rated product produced by a WebAhead intern.

RELEVANT COMPETENCIES

Languages

Python, R, SQL, Java, C

Software/Environments

Postgres, Hive, Impala, Git, Bash

PUBLICATIONS

- · David Arbour, Katerina Marazopoulou, and David Jensen. Look both ways: Dependence and direction in relational data. Workshop on Information in Networks, 2015.
- · Katerina Marazopoulou, David Arbour, and David Jensen. Refining the semantics of social influence. Networks: From Graphs to Rich Data, NIPS Workshops, 2014.
- David Arbour, Katerina Marazopoulou, Dan Garant, and David Jensen. Propensity score matching for causal inference with relational data. Causal Inference: Learning and Prediction Workshop, UAI, 2014.
- Marc Maier, Katerina Marazopoulou, David Arbour, and David Jensen. Flattening network data for causal discover: What could go wrong? Workshop on Information in Networks,
- David Arbour, James Atwood, Ahmed El-Kishky, and David Jensen. Agglomerative clustering of bagged data using joint distributions. Structured Learning: Inferring Graphs from Structured and Unstructured Inputs Workshop, ICML, 2013.
- · Marc Maier, Katerina Marazopoulou, David Arbour, and David Jensen. A sound and complete algorithm for learning causal models from relational data. In Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, 2013.
- Marc Maier, Katerina Marazopoulou, David Arbour, and David Jensen. A sound and complete algorithm for learning causal models from relational data. Approaches to Causal Structure Learning Workshop, UAI, 2013.

- Paul E Dickson, David T Arbour, W Richards Adrion, and Amanda Gentzel. Evaluation of automatic classroom capture for computer science education. In *Proceedings of the fifteenth annual conference on Innovation and technology in computer science education*, pages 88–92. ACM, 2010.
- Paul E Dickson, W Richards Adrion, Allen R Hanson, and David T Arbour. First experiences with a classroom recording system. *ACM SIGCSE Bulletin*, 41(3):298–302, 2009.

TALKS AND POSTERS

- "Look Both Ways: Dependence and Direction in Relational Data". 2015 Workshop on Information Networks. (Talk)
- "Understanding Causality in Networks". 2015 UMass Research Experience for Undergraduates lunch. (Talk)
- "Relational Propensity Score Matching". 2014 UAI Workshop, Causal Inference: Learning and Prediction. (Talk)
- "Learning with Mixtures of Dependency Networks". 2014 New England Machine Learning Day. (Poster).
- "Agglomerative Clustering of Distributions". 2013 New England Machine Learning Day. (Poster)

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Baystate Fellow
- Member Phi Kappa Phi