David S. Roth

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A hardworking and curious-minded Data Scientist. Passionate about using data at scale to drive effective decision making and solve high-impact problems.

EDUCATION

NYU Center for Data Science, M.S. Data Science

2021 - 2023

Computational Linear Algebra, Big Data, Causal Inference, Inference and Representation, Natural Language Understanding, Probabilistic Time Series Analysis, Responsible Data Science

NYU Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, B.A. Computer Science

Algorithms & Data Structures, Discrete Math, Linear Algebra, Computer Systems Organization, Large Scale Web Applications, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, High Performance Machine Learning

NYU Leonard Stern School of Business, B.S. Business / Statistics

2014 - 2018

Probability & Statistics, Linear Regression and Forecasting Models, Regression and Multivariate Data Analysis, Stochastic Processes, Theory of Probability

EXPERIENCE

C Edgi Learning

February 2023 - September 2023

NLP Engineer

Principal engineer on Edgi Librarian, an LLM-based tutoring, educational content recommendation and learning assessment chatbot. Contributions include conversation state management, training data curation, prompt engineering and vector database content search.

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September 2022 - December 2022

Research Fellow

Built training and inference pipelines for multi-modal (image+text) graph neural networks using PyTorch and Deep Graph Library. Utilized message-passing and learned gating functions to compute dense node representations for property listings and predict attributes and node links over graphs containing 1M+ nodes.

Spotify

June 2022 - September 2022

Data Science / Machine Learning Engineering Intern

Built inference pipeline for entity disambiguation pipeline used to match recordings to registered musical works with PyBeam, Tensorflow and Dataflow. Delivered pipeline capable of scoring \sim 35M match pairs across 50 machines in 20 minutes wall time.

Assessed error rates on lyric content across languages and markets to identify opportunities for improvement in Spotify's lyric ingestion pipeline. Designed and oversaw annotation trial to evaluate heuristic and statistical approaches to quality control.

KPMG KPMG Data & Analytics

January 2019 - August 2021

Data Scientist, NLP

Built data processing pipelines for greenfield credit card offering at major NYC financial institution using Airflow, Amazon SQS and PySpark. Worked on small, agile team to rapidly build and scale fault-resistant systems to handle 20+ million daily transaction records. Worked closely with anomaly detection and fraud teams to develop and deploy models to detect fraudulent transactions.

Contributed module to Cognitive Contract Modeling library utilizing FinBERT text embeddings to perform semantic search over regulatory documentation. Improved recall over previous model by 15%.

KPMG Cognitive Automation Labs

June 2018 - August 2018

Machine Learning Engineering Intern

Fine-tuned passage-level topic classification network using privacy documentation and features from pre-trained eLMo Bi-LSTM language model to surface potential regulatory exposure in client contracts.

SKILLS

- Python (10 yrs), JavaScript (5 yrs), SQL (8 yrs), Scala (3 yr), Rust (1 yr)
- Spark, Beam, Airflow, Luigi, BigQuery
- PyTorch, TensorFlow, ONNX, Neo4j
- Google Cloud Platform, AWS

INTERESTS

Multi-instrumentalist and full-stack musician (writer/performer/engineer)





RESEARCH

• (preprint) Variations and Relaxations of Normalizing Flows, arXiv:2309.04433

VOLUNTEER WORK

Dollar-a-Day Fund

Web Developer

June 2023 - Present