

Texas A&M University, Department of Statistics

■ patrickding00@gmail.com | patrickding.netlify.app/ | delimited0 | patrick-ding-4a855065

#### **Education**

Texas A&M University College Station, TX

PHD STATISTICS

Aug 2017–May 2022

• GPA: 3.92

• Coursework: Bayesian statistics, machine learning, spatial statistics, deep learning, statistical computing

Princeton University Princeton, NJ

BSE OPERATIONS RESEARCH AND FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

Sep 2011-Jun 2015

· Certificate in applications of computing

# **Experience**

Microsoft Redmond, WA

DATA SCIENCE INTERN

Jun 2021–Aug 2021

- · Evaluated double machine learning for estimating device specific causal effect of operating system update using AB test data
- Processed terabytes of device telemetry data using internal SOL-like tools and Spark to clean, merge, and engineer features for analysis
- · Shared problem findings throughout the team and to senior leadership, including a presentation for the Chief Product Officer

**Adobe** Lehi, UT

Data Science Intern May 2018–Aug 2018

- Implemented infrastructure for computing distances between approximate state space model posterior densities using R, Stan, and C++
- Evaluated machine learning models for predicting approximate inference quality for state space models
- Demonstrated viability of model for predicting when MAP gives accurate estimates

AllianceBernstein New York, NY

ASSOCIATE Jun 2015–Jun 2017

- Guided investment decisions in Emerging Markets Multi Asset Portfolio with more than one billion dollars in assets by developing regression
  model for emerging market equity and foreign exchange returns
- Guided investment decisions for variance swap sleeves with tens of millions of dollars in assets by building Matlab tools for back testing market timing and selection strategies and developing regression model for predicting variance swap returns
- · Expanded firm's risk management and volatility forecasting capability by modeling option implied volatility surface
- Enabled firm to fulfill additional requests for proposals by creating realistic option simulator in Matlab, supporting trading, expiration, transaction costs, and hedging behavior with multiple assets
- · Communicated model results to team through daily updating Excel reports with Matlab COM automation and SQL server

## **Projects**

#### **Multivariate Gaussian probability and sampling**

STATISTICS RESEARCH Jan 2020-Present

- · Reviewed two dozen algorithms for high dimensional multivariate Gaussian sampling and probability estimation
- · Translated half dozen algorithm implementations from Matlab and Python to C++ and distributed in R packages
- Extending expectation propagation for multivariate Gaussian polytope probability estimation

#### Word vectors for variational autoencoding topic modeling

DEEP LEARNING COURSE PROJECT

Sep 2018-Jan 2019

- · Investigated the benefits of combining word embeddings and autoencoding topic models
- Implemented variational autoencoding topic models using PyTorch

## **Publications**

- A Sadeghian, M Armandpour, **P Ding**, DZ Wang (2019). DRUM: End-To-End Differentiable Rule Mining On Knowledge Graphs. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*.
- M Armandpour, **P Ding**, J Huang, X Hu (2019). Robust negative sampling for network embedding. *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*.

### Skills

R Rcpp – RcppArmadillo – data.table – dplyr – ggplot2 – mlr – R Markdown – Rstudio

Python pandas – sklearn – NumPy – matplotlib – PyTorch – JAX
Other Git – Markdown – LaTeX – Unix – Bash – SSH – Matlab – Stan