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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz

2014 - 2019

PhD; Astrophysics with an Emphasis in Statistics (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Selected coursework: Advanced Machine Learning (Winter 2018), Bayesian Statistical Modeling (Spring 2016), High Performance Computing (Spring 2015)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2010 - 2014

BS; Physics (*GPA*: 4.9/5.0)

Work Experience

Microsoft

2019 -

Data Scientist

UCSC Astronomy & Astrophysics

2014 - 2019

NSF Graduate Research Fellow

- Adapted 1 × 1 convolutions to transfer learning from networks pre-trained on 3 channel (RGB) images to 5+ channel images common in astronomy
- Developed conditional Generative Adversarial Networks (cGANs) to create new galaxy images to augment training of neural nets (Python, tensorflow)
- Built image classifier using Convolutional Neural Networks and Random Forests 2017 to identify dwarf galaxies (Python, keras, scikit-learn)
- Published Bayesian statistical analysis of hundreds of supernova simulations
 Extended distributed software for 3D supernova simulations (C, C++) that
- Extended distributed software for 3D supernova simulations (C, C++) that scales well to at least 1000 CPUs and has run for over 250,000 CPU hours. Published detailed analysis of a few simulations ran by this code.

Microsoft Summer 2018

Data Science Intern

- Built deep learning clustering models to identify structure in the differences between natural language corpora (Python, tensorflow)
- Designed online, unsupervised anomaly detection models (Python)

LendUp (consumer lending startup)

Summer 2017

2018

Data Science Intern

- Predicted risk of credit card applicants using statistical modeling (Python, SQL)
- Engineered new features to extract insights from previously unused data
- Performed exploratory data analysis to support new product development

MIT Kavli Institute for Astrophysics

2013 - 2014

Undergraduate Researcher

- Discovered and published faint signals of a galactic jet in noisy imaging data (Python)

Tools

Python, tensorflow, keras, pytorch, scikit-learn, C++/C, SQL, R

Selected Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellow

2016 - 2019

- \$138,000 award supporting my PhD research; 2,000 fellows selected from 17,000 applicants Osterbrock Prize Leadership Fellow (UC Santa Cruz) 2015 2018
- \$5,000 award with continued mentoring to develop technical leadership skills