Émile Esmaili

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EDUCATION

Columbia University

New York, NY

M.A. in Applied Statistics & Data Science (QMSS)

2024

Sorbonne Université (Pierre et Marie Curie - Paris VI)

Paris, France

BSc. in Mathematics

2024

PSL Research University (Paris-Dauphine)

Paris, France

MSc. in Financial Engineering - BSc. in Economics

2020

Research Experience

Columbia University & NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

New York, NY

Research Assistant

Jan 2024 - Aug 2024

- Research staff at the Center for Climate Systems Research supervised by Dr. Michael Puma.
- Topic: studying the impact of climate and famines on food prices using Bayesian inference and causal graph

Columbia University & NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

New York, NY

Research Intern

Sep 2022 - Dec 2023

- Graduate research assistant at NASA GISS and Columbia University's Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, jointly supervised by Prof. Upmanu Lall and Dr. Michael Puma.
- Topic: Using hierarchical Bayesian models and Hidden Markov Models to explore the driving factors of global migration and develop improved probabilistic projections of bilateral migration flows

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center & Columbia University

New York, NY

Practicum Data Scientist (Capstone Project)

Jan 2023 - May 2023

- Researched drivers of lower grade brain glioma using machine learning and survival models
- Worked on an image segmentation model for IHC staining based on MSK's proprietary DeepLIIF model

Conference Papers

- Modeling Human Migration with Non-Homogeneous Hidden Markov Models: an Application to Inter-state Mobility in the United States, Emile Esmaili, Upmanu Lall, Michael J.Puma, Aric Cutuli, Rachata Muneepeerakul. AGU Fall Meeting 2023
- A Bayesian Hierarchical Framework for Modeling Migration Flows, Aric Cutuli, Upmanu Lall, Michael J. Puma, Emile Esmaili, Rachata Muneepeerakul. AGU Fall Meeting 2023

Teaching Experience

Columbia University

New York, NY

Teaching Assistant - Machine Learning for the Social Sciences (GR5073)

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

Held weekly recitations and office hours covering the basics of machine learning and graded homeworks

Columbia University

New York, NY

Teaching Assistant - Projects in Advanced Machine Learning (GR5074)

Jan 2023 - May 2023

Held weekly recitations and office hours covering the basics of applied deep learning and graded homeworks

Work Experience

Ekimetrics Data Scientist

Paris, France

Sep 2021 - May 2022

• Developed a web-app prototype from scratch that incorporates natural language processing (NLP) tools to detect investment opportunities

SKILLS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, R

Frameworks: PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn, CVX, PyMC, Git

Natural Languages: French (Native), Farsi (Native), English (Professional), German (Elementary)

Relevant Coursework

Analysis: Topology, Functional Analysis, Complex Analysis, Measure Theory

Algebra: Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra

Applied Mathematics: Convex Optimization, Differential Equations, Numerical Analysis

Other: Number Theory, Graph Theory & Combinatorics; Axiomatic Set Theory

Machine/Deep Learning: Deep Learning for Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning, Speech Recognition

Probability & Statistics: Probability Theory, Statistics, Econometrics, Stochastic Calculus