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EDUCATION

University of San Francisco San Francisco, CA
Master of Science in Data Science August, 2020 – August, 2021(expected)

- Coursework: Python, Data Structures and Algorithms, Statistics, Data Visualization, SQL, Machine Learning, Regression, Deep Learning, NLP, Time Series, Design of Experiments(A/B Testing), Distributed Computing (Spark)

Yildiz Technical University Istanbul, TURKEY
B. Eng. in Computational and Applied Mathematics, *Honored Student* September, 2012 – June, 2017

- Coursework: Linear Algebra, Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, Abstract Mathematics, Algorithms, Programming, OOP, Probability, Statistics, Data Management, Optimization, Cryptography, Computer Vision, Image Processing, AI

Graz University of Technology Graz, AUSTRIA
Erasmus Exchange Program in Computer Science and Mathematics October, 2014 – August, 2015

- Ranked 1st among the outgoing Erasmus Exchange Program students in the department and awarded EU Scholarship.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Science Intern January, 2021 – Present
Dictionary.com Oakland, CA

- Predicted click-through rate (CTR) with random forest classifier trained on website logs and cookies. Increased model accuracy by 5% using sampling and feature engineering techniques in scikit-learn pipelines.
- Identified most engaged user segments by exploring website behavior to gain insights for improving the ad auction.
- Performed exploratory analysis and forecasting on ad impressions to uncover the relationship between inner and ad clicks.

Software Engineer August, 2017 – October, 2020
Turkcell Istanbul, TURKEY

- Achieved the ability to analyze streaming data in real-time and take immediate actions through communication channels by developing big data processing systems with Lean-Agile Methodologies.
- Expanded event-based scenarios such as gamification, anti-churn, up-sell, and retention resulted in a 15% increase in annual revenue by integrating big data sources into complex event processing systems.
- Increased monthly bundle package sales by 15% discovering customers' opinions from messages in SMS channels with NLP techniques such as named entity recognition, sentiment analysis, and text classification.
- Developed the capability of sending millions of messages and notifications per day by building highly scalable campaign management applications with Java, PL/SQL, and Python using best practices for software development lifecycle.
- Empowered the marketing team to derive strategic insights for campaigns by creating a performant Java REST service for collecting push notification responses in the Oracle SQL database.
- Automated generation of daily campaign reports for all channels using a vast amount of relational data with tuned SQL queries and PL/SQL procedures.

Data Science Intern February, 2017 – May, 2017
EVAM Streaming Analytics Istanbul, TURKEY

- Explored streaming ML algorithm papers and identified models to implement by testing and understanding business needs.
- Enabled real-time clustering and anomaly detection on streaming data by implementing density-based clustering algorithm DenStream into the core product with Java.

PROJECTS

- **ML algorithm implementations from scratch in Python** [Link]

Regularized Linear and Logistic Regression with Gradient Descent, Naive Bayes, Decision Trees, Random Forest, K-means Clustering, Boosting, Deep Neural Networks, CNN, RNN, recommendation engine, and automated feature selection algorithms.

- **Cancer Classification by Liquid Biopsy** [Link]

Achieved 73% accuracy and placed in the top 10 in Kaggle private leaderboard. Fit and tuned various scikit-learn classifiers such as boosting and PyTorch deep neural networks, applying regularization techniques to predict multi-class cancer types.

- **Ad Click Prediction** [Link]

Predicted ad clicks from KDD Cup dataset achieving 83% accuracy. Various classifier models, including tree-based ensemble methods used in scikit-learn pipelines applying feature selection, preprocessing, and tuning techniques with cross-validation.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python(Pandas, Scikit-learn, NumPy, SciPy, matplotlib), PyTorch, Java, SQL, NoSQL, Spark, Kafka, Linux, Git, Docker, AWS