# ERIC ZACHARIA

## DATA SCIENTIST

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## **EDUCATION**

M.S. Computer Science Specialized in Data Analytics University of Chicago '21

B.S. Aerospace Engineering George M. Berry Award for Outstanding Design Achievement Syracuse University '16

## **SKILLS**

(Deep) Machine Learning, Advanced Algorithms, Big Data Mining, Databases

Python, NumPy, Pandas, nltk, PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-learn, hugging-face, XGBoost, Flask, PyMC3, TweePy, Matplotlib, Jupyter, Google Colab, Amazon EMR & SageMaker

SQL, Golang, QuantConnect, Alpaca API, Git, HTML, CSS,  $L^AT_EX$ , Excel

## **LICENSES**

Secret Security Clearance '20 Private Pilot License '19 Scuba Diving License '16

## **DS PROJECTS**

AG News Data - PyTorch LR Lg. Translator - PyTorch Transformer Language Translator - PyTorch LSTM TorchText LM Data - PyTorch RNN UDPOS Data - PyTorch NN

Arrhythmia Data - NumPy DT
Breast Cancer Data - sklearn LR
CIFAR10 Data - NumPy CNN
Iris Data - PyTorch CNN
Iris Data - sklearn k-NN
MNIST Data - NumPy NN
NumPy AdaBoost Algorithm
NumPy Soft Margin Primal SVM
Prudential Data - sklearn Ordinal LR
Titanic Data - sklearn DT

Bloom Filter Streaming Algorithm Flajolet-Martin Streaming Algorithm Locality Sensitive Hashing Map Reduce Matrix Multiplication

## WORK EXPERIENCE

NLP Data Science Intern, University of Chicago Medical Center

Summer 2021

*Preface*: A significant amount of medical knowledge exists in unstructured medical notes, and many doctors waste valuable time carefully picking the proper ICD codes for their patients. Correct ICD codes are necessary for patients to receive proper follow-up procedures and are required by insurance companies for proper payment to the hospital.

- Developed language models to correct missing or wrong ICD codes with 96% accuracy
- Predicted diseases in cardiology patients using historical medical notes with 64% accuracy

#### Machine Learning Research Intern, Argonne National Laboratory

Summer 2021

- Worked with molecular engineers in researching machine learning techniques to compensate for the issue of drifting readings for water contamination sensors
- Applied Bayesian inference to predict the curve of voltage drift on experimental data
- Reduced run-time of the team's compensation software from 45 hours to 27 minutes
- Educated the team about the applications of ML in molecular research
- Created non-CS-friendly pipelines for the researchers to use in their projects

## Level II Aerospace Engineer, Spirit AeroSystems Inc.

2016-2020

The Designed, built, analyzed, and tested Boeing's 787 Dreamliner, and Boeing's 777X, and an aerospace structure for The Department of Defense

#### Host of Glacier's Bed and Breakfast

2018-2020

Hosted guests in my 3-bedroom home with over 80 bookings and a 5-star rating

#### Fluid Dynamics Researcher, Syracuse University

2015-2016

- Analyzed the propulsive aspects of dolphin tails and experimented with 3D-printed dolphin caudal fins that mimicked swimming motion inside a water tunnel
- ▼ Constructed 3D visualizations of vortex flows to demonstrate swimming efficiencies

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

## **Wedding Website**

present

- Designed and currently maintaining a website for my upcoming wedding in April
- Guest and vendor information is stored in a relational database using SQLite3

#### **Predicting the Genre of Music Samples using a Convolutional Neural Network**

Fall 2021

- Wrote a CNN to outperform classifiers trained on extracted audio features
- Used audio signal processing to transform MP3 files into Mel spectrogram images
- Developed a web application for users to upload MP3s for accurate genre classification

#### Reinforcement Learning Robot that Navigates Variable Environments - Frozen Lake

Fall 2021

- Wrote DP and temporal difference algorithms to navigate a stochastic environment
- Optimized Double Q-Learning parameters through cross-validation for high success rates

# **Quantitative Momentum Trading Algorithm**

Fall 2021

Applied knowledge of fundamental valuation metrics and momentum-based trading ideas to create a paper trading algorithm that beat the S&P 500 by 10% over a 3-month period.

## **Predicting the Stock Market with Sentiment Analysis of Live Tweets**

Summer 2021

- Developed an NLP pipeline that algorithmically trades stocks using tweets from Twitter
- Trading bot purchased more of the stocks with bullish sentiment and avoided the bearish
- Tripled the returns of the S&P 500 after one month of automated day trading

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