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Skills

Technologies: Python, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, NLTK, SpaCy, Java, Julia, [HTML](#), [CSS](#), [JavaScript](#), Git

General skills: natural language processing, machine learning, web scraping, data cleaning

Coursework: programming, data structures, artificial intelligence, optimization, natural language processing

Experience

Corpus linguistics Master's thesis project

Simon Fraser University, 2018/09—2019/11

- Planned a pipeline to process corpus data, including data retrieval, data cleaning, morphological parsing and deriving statistical association data.
- Wrote programs in Python and Java to carry out corpus data processing, including a program to query and download 1.49 million data points from Turkish National Corpus by interacting with a web browser over 7 hours without crashing.
- Applied transformations on language data to optimize the performance of a morphological parser.
- Used a Python script to slice association data to uncover suffix distribution patterns. Supported linguistic arguments with program-generated visualizations.
- Prepared an 82-page thesis to communicate the story within the data while accommodating readers with a linguistics background.
- Prepared detailed, user-friendly documentation of project to facilitate replication by other researchers.

Research assistantship

Language Production Lab, Simon Fraser University, 2017/09—2019/08

- Planned a pipeline of Python programs to process data from a corpus of Cantonese to derive word frequency data.
- Diagnosed, documented and corrected quirks of corpus data that could impact latter processing.
- Trained a general part-of-speech tagger to work on Cantonese input.
- Classified English speech errors for a database by making decisions on dozens of annotation variables.

Newengland-mad

Individual project, 2018/06—2018/07

- Wrote Python programs to build a corpus of the usage of 'mad' as an intensifier adverb in New England English in Twitter data.
- Devised a method of retrieving Twitter data by automatically interacting with a web browser and scraping data from HTML files.
- Wrote a program to apply syntactic tests on each data point to exclude false cases of adverbial 'mad'.

Drop-in tutor

University Housing, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2013/09—2015/05

- Tutored students on a drop-in basis in subjects including precalculus, calculus and linear algebra.
- Encouraged students to discover the solution by drawing connections with elements they already knew.
- Walked students through a solution step-by-step. Highlighted general methods and reasoning skills applicable to other problems.

Education

Simon Fraser University, 2017/09—2019/12

M.A. in Linguistics

4.11/4.33 CGPA

University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012/09—2016/05

B.A. in Economics, Linguistics

3.96/4.00 CGPA