

# Zachary Hervieux-Moore

## Profile

Applied scientist researching deep reinforcement learning and its applications. My goal is to expand the current methods to a larger class of settings and apply them to robotics problems.

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## Skills

**Programming:**  
Python, C++

**Machine Learning Frameworks:**  
PyTorch, Jax, Pandas, scikit-learn

**Software:**  
Git, LaTeX

**Cloud:** AWS - EC2, S3, IAM, PCluster

**Languages:**  
English, Spanish, French

## Education

**Princeton University** 2016-2021

- PhD, Operations Research and Financial Engineering
- Master's, Operations Research and Financial Engineering
- Thesis: Modern Reinforcement Learning Techniques to Deal with Large Action Spaces

**Queen's University** 2011-2016

- Bachelor of Science Engineering, Mathematics and Engineering, Systems and Robotics Option
- Bachelor of Arts, Economics
- Thesis: Region Tracking in a Sequence of Images

## Experience

**Amazon, Las Vegas, NV** 2022-Present  
**Senior Applied Scientist**

- Lead a team of 8 scientists and engineers that develop reinforcement learning solutions across the whole company.
- Created a deep reinforcement learning approach that achieves optimal bin-packing performance given the constraints of a robot.
- Developed the optimization portion of a reinforcement learning approach to the core selection problem.
- Built the internal infrastructure the team uses to train and deploy solutions.

**Harvard University, Cambridge, MA** 2021-2022  
**Postdoctoral Researcher**

- Worked with Francesca Dominici to develop a deep learning model to predict the amount of wildfire smoke for the USA everyday based on satellite imagery.
- Worked with Natesh Pillai to develop a reinforcement learning approach to learn improved MCMC algorithms.

**Correlation One, NYC, NY** 2019-2021  
**Data Scientist**

- Developed and taught course material on the following topics: machine learning, deep learning, and reinforcement learning.
- Was the head teaching assistant for 8 editions of the Data Science For All course with two editions being taught in Colombia & Brazil.
- Regularly taught on all topics of the Data Science For All course to a total of 10k students. Was the lead instructor for two editions of their Amazon training course.

**Stratify, NYC, NY** 2018-2019  
**Data Scientist**

- Developed a novel discretisation algorithm that boosted our models' performance to match state of the art techniques.
- Wrote technical and non technical case studies of our methodology that are used to pitch customers, investors, or published online.
- Built internal tools written in Python to automate the process of transitioning customers to our machine learning platform.

**Siemens Healthineers, Princeton, NJ** Summer 2017  
**Business Program Intern**

- Responsible for the formulation and development of the underlying algorithm used in a scheduling application.
- Programmed in Python using Pandas to manipulate the data and CPLEX to model and solve the optimization problem.
- Researched deep learning and reinforcement learning to create a novel scheduling algorithm.

**Altera (now Intel PSG), San Jose, CA** 2014-2015  
**Software/Hardware Engineer Intern**

- Maintained and improved internal test infrastructure.
- Regularly coded Perl firmware and Django web applications. Automated the deployment of infrastructure using Puppet.
- Modernized the test infrastructure by upgrading the OS and refactoring code to utilize the latest stable release of various software packages.

