# Haipeng GAO

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## Industry Experience

Aug 2018 | Summer Intern at PayPal | San Jose, CA

MAY 2018- Merchant Risk Modeling

Rapidly prototype early-stage solutions and built predictive models to forecast sellers' future chargeback, including time-series analysis, LSTM, Poisson-process based predictive models. Created highly interpretive dynamics models (input-output hidden Markov models) that imply

new context and new semantics for data

Aug 2017 | Summer Intern at UNC Management Company | Chapel Hill, NC

May 2017- | Investment Strategy & Risk Management

Applied input-output hidden Markov models to support team's directional strategy on stock market indices. Applied change-point detection to support team's momentum strategies on

indices. Programmed in R and PYTHON.

#### EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

May 2019 PhD in Interdisciplinary Statistics and Operations Research

Dissertation: "Bayesian Inference on Stochastic Cusp Catastrophe Models"

Under supervision of Prof. Chuanshu Ji

Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, NYU | New York, NY

MAY 2015 MS in MATHEMATICS

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

DEC 2012 BS Highest Distinction in APPLIED MATHEMATICS, minor in MATHEMATICAL DECISION SCIENCE

#### SKILLS

MACHINE LEARNING: h2o, Scikit-learn, R, Matlab, Stan

DEEP LEARNING: Keras, Tensorflow, PyTorch

PROGRAMMING: Python, Java, SQL, C/C++ | CLUSTER-COMPUTING: Hadoop, Spark

MODELING: machine learning, time-series analysis, LSTM/RNN

hidden Markov models, stochastic differential equations

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

current | Instructor at University of North Carolina | Chapel Hill, NC

Jan 2017- | Department of Statistics and Operations Research

Taught college-level Introduction to Data Models and Inference (STOR 155) top- ics include exploratory data analysis, linear regression, sampling and experimental design, basic probability,

hypothesis testing and inference, class size of 50 students per semester

# Interests and Activities

Participated in NYU Intramural Basketball in Spring 2014 Personal investment on US equity