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Skills

Data Science: A/B testing, optimization, big data pipeline (cleansing, wrangling, visualization, modeling, interpretation), AutoML, statistics, time series, Scrum fundamentals, Github

Programming Languages: Python (Pandas, scikit-learn, pytest, Tensorflow, PyTorch, SciPy, NLTK, Gensim), SQL, R, C++, Java

Cloud Machine Learning: AWS (SageMaker, ECR, EMR, S3, RedShift), Spark, DataBricks, Airflow

Professional Experience

Decathlon

May 2021–Present

Data Scientist

Lille, France

- Developed assortment optimization solutions to maximize the expected revenue and minimize stock cost for physical stores, resulting in more than 80 million euros of total sales.
- Supported business insight to put latent meanings into the products using semantically rich embedding that would serve 4+ AI teams. This initiative includes product description embedding using the BERT model, visual embedding using deep learning, and user product embedding using the node2vec graph approach.
- Delivered a 1-year forecasting model to predict turnover for each store and family using Amazon SageMaker DeepAR.
- Presented XGBoost regression to infer the effect of Covid data presence on stores forecast models.
- Supervised to analyze the needs, define the target stack and support the team to streamline and move our AI solutions on SageMaker, DataBricks, and Airflow.

University of Upper Alsace

July 2020–April 2021

Research Scientists

Mulhouse, France

- Proposed an AutoML pipeline that identifies links between similar scientific articles. This project led to the creation of a precise classifier reaching an accuracy of 90%, and has been published in proceedings IEEE WCCI 2020.
- Directed neural architecture search to find and train deep residual networks for time series data. The conducted experiments on 85 instances reveal the proposed model reaches new state-of-the-art accuracy compared to the HIVE-COTE model. This work has been published in IJCNN 2020.
- Examined a network interdiction multi-depot vehicle routing model.

University of Upper Alsace

May 2017–June 2020

PhD Research Assistant

Mulhouse, France

- Proposed a novel optimization technique based on transfer and ensemble learning to reduce the required computational resources by storing knowledge gained while solving optimization problems to a different but related one.
- Applied metaheuristics on Two-Stream Inflated 3D architecture model, pre-trained on the ImageNet and the Kinetics source datasets, to optimize crowd movements prediction on the Crowd-11 target dataset.
- Formulated a multi-objective framework for automatic configuration of machine learning models.

Education

- PhD in Computer Science, University of Upper Alsace 2017–2020
- Master of Computer Science, University of Sistan and Baluchestan 2013–2016
- Bachelor of Computer Science, University of Sistan and Baluchestan 2009–2013

Honors and Awards

- 100% PhD scholarship for research and innovation 2017–2020
- [Outstanding dissertation award](#), University of Strasbourg 2020
- [First prize in CG:SHOP Optimization Challenged](#), Challenge, Oregon State 2020
- Outstanding master's student award 2016

Langues

English: Fluent, **French :** Intermediate, **Persian :** Native