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Machine Learning
Researcher/Engineer



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About me

I'm an ML and big data professional with 10+ years of experience. I'm currently interested in applications of AI with a focus on reinforcement learning and graph-neural networks. I'm Russian with a French residence and work permit.

Languages

English - full proficiency
French - limited proficiency
Russian - native

Technologies

Machine Learning

- reinforcement learning (Ray)
- deep learning (PyTorch)
- recommender systems

Data Engineering

- Spark, Kafka, Hadoop, AirFlow
- Oracle, Teradata, SAS
- pandas

DevOps

- Docker
- CircleCI, AppVeyor
- Google Cloud Platform

Team work: git, Scrum, Kanban

Python: numpy, scipy, sklearn, Jupyter

Other DBs: PostgreSQL, Vertica, MongoDB

education

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| Ph.D. (mathematics) | 10.2020-09.2023 |
| Université Côte d'Azur | |
| Thesis title: <i>Applications of AI to study of finite algebraic structures and automated theorem proving</i> | |
| Master equivalent (recognised by ENIC-NARIC) (applied maths) | 09.2003-03.2009 |
| Moscow Aviation Institute (National Research University) | |
| Thesis title: <i>Application of critical cases theory to stabilization problems with incomplete information</i> | |

experience

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| French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) | 10.2020-09.2023 |
| PhD candidate | |
| developed a collection of OpenAI Gym environments for provers | |
| wrote a Python client to Isabelle proof assistant server | |
| automatically solved an open research question in abstract algebra | |
| created and taught Master courses on distributed big data and recommender systems | |
| Largest Russian bank (Sberbank) | 11.2018-09.2020 |
| team lead in the AI R&D unit | |
| built a financial news recommender for a mobile app with 40M users | |
| created and maintained a recommender systems library | |
| hired and supervised a team of ML Researcher Engineers | |
| Online cinema with 30M users (ivi.ru) | 11.2015-10.2018 |
| big data team lead | |
| applied model-based movie recommendations to improve CTR | |
| maintained the recommender serving over 1000 requests per sec. | |
| hired and supervised a team of ML Engineers | |
| One of the largest Russian learning platforms (netology.ru) | 12.2017-07.2018 |
| part-time instructor&content creator | |
| created and taught a course on recommender systems | |
| Top-30 Russian bank (TRUST) | 09.2014-10.2015 |
| senior risk analyst | |
| core developer at a consumer credit automation project | |
| Moscow office of an international consulting firm (Business & Decision, now part of Orange Group) | 05.2014-09.2014 |
| senior analyst for a project | |
| successfully implemented a cross-sell model data pipeline project | |
| supervised a team of Data Engineers | |
| Top-30 Russian banks (Binbank) | 05.2013-05.2014 |
| senior analyst | |
| created BI dashboards for consumer credit scoring | |
| Largest BI and Big Data Solutions provider in Russia (Glowbyte) | 11.2010-04.2013 |
| senior data engineer | |
| built a data pipeline for an anti-fraud model | |
| supervised a team of Data Engineers | |
| Leading Russian developer of IT solutions for air transport (IATVT) | 08.2009-10.2010 |
| programmer | |
| financial reports automation | |
| Russian ERP software developer (Comtec) | 03.2009-08.2009 |
| programmer | |
| full stack development for financial reporting | |

certificates

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| Oracle PL/SQL Developer Certified Associate | 2015 |
| SAS Certified Advanced Programmer | 2014 |
| Oracle Database SQL Certified Expert | 2013 |
| Certificate in Advanced English (Cambridge ESOL) | 2012 |
| SAS Certified Base Programmer for SAS 9 | 2011 |

additional info

In addition to my daytime job, I've contributed code to Apache Spark and Ray RLLib, among other open-source projects. Apart from coding, I enjoy hiking.