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OBJECTIVE: Summer Internship with a focus on implementing data science and machine learning solutions. Available between June and September of 2019.

Education

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

2015-Current

PhD(c) in Statistics and Applied Probability (GPA: 3.95) M.A. in Statistics - Mathematical Statistics Specialization

2015-2017

Doctoral Research: High-Dimensional Functional Graphical Models for Multivariate Gaussian Processes

Developing an unsupervised learning method to estimate partial correlations and feature-interaction networks from large-scale datasets. This method has applications in many domains including neuroimaging, image segmentation and sensor networks.

University of Chile Santiago, CHILE

Professional Degree & B.Eng.Sc. in Industrial Engineering (GPA 4.00)

2005-2009

Professional Experience

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

R\Shiny Web Developer

August 2018 - Current

Developing a repository of interactive web-based learning applications for probability and statistics undergraduate courses.

SimpliRoute Mountain View, CA

O Data Science Intern

July 2017 - September 2017

Improved the company's analytics by implementing a random forest predictor model of the discharging time of multi-stop delivery route plans integrating mobile GPS and delivery schedule data.

Ministry of Finance, Chilean Sovereign Wealth Fund

Santiago, CHILE

Quantitative Analyst

2012 - 2014

Enhanced productivity by developing an information database system for report automation and data analytics.

Implemented different time series and portfolio optimization models for the financial investment committee of the Chilean Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Journal and Conference Papers

- o A. Petersen, S. Oh, & J. Zapata. Functional Graphical Models for Partially Separable Multivariate Gaussian Processes. *Work in Progress*, 2018.
- o J. Zapata, V. Charlin & A. Cifuentes. Color Premiums in Art Markets: An Image Segmentation Approach. Work in Progress, 2018.
- o J. Zapata & A. Cifuentes. On the Stability of Synthetic CDO Credit Ratings. International Finance, Vol. 19, No. 2, June, 2016.

Teaching Experience

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

Teaching Associate

July 2018 - September 2018

Instructor for the class PSTAT 5A - Introduction to Statistics

Teaching Assistant

September 2015 - Current

Varied upper division and graduate courses including: Stochastic Processes, Big Data Analytics, Data Science, Time Series and Statistical Machine Learning.

Technical Skills & Interests

- o Programming Languages: R, Python, Matlab, C/C++, Java, Unix.
- o Big Data Computing & Databases: Apache Spark, SQL, PostgresSQL.
- o Web Development: R\Shiny, HTML, PHP, Javascript.
- o Languages: English(Fluent) Spanish(Native)
- o Personal Interests: Listening to music, weightlifting, kayaking and hiking.