

AI and Data Science Consulting

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Introduction

About Me



- Computer Scientist (PhD), data scientist and finance quant,
- Over 15 years of experience in industry
 - Financial Services
 - Quantitative Investing
 - Retail
 - Image and video compression
- Passion for making my work matter.

Introduction

Skills, Experience and Tools

- Computer Science: algorithms and data structures
- Data Science
 - Supervised learning, clustering, regression, tree based methods
 - Neural Networks, Deep Learning and Generative AI
- Coding: Python and the python ecosystem
 - pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, pytorch ...
- SQL
- LangChain, Langgraph, CrewAI, Hugging Face

Business Problems and Solutions

Classification

What: Recognize "depression related" posts on Reddit.

How: Use a NN to *embed* posts and classify based on distance to prototypical embeddings. Similar to *Nearest Neighbor* classification.

	clean_text	is_depression
4636	mtsiaklides aw i wish i could i can t really s...	0
3492	heartbreaking to see kid taking their life out...	1
2332	maybe i should have been locked away for the r...	1

	clean_text	is_depression
6594	http twitpic com y z see where we ve been move...	0
1515	for about a week now i ve been experiencing ex...	1
209	someone pls tell me how to get over this i m c...	1

Figure 2.1: Example text from training and validation sets

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Classification

Examples showing embeddings in 2-D

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
embedding_6 (Embedding)	(None, 100, 10)	100000
flatten_6 (Flatten)	(None, 1000)	0
dense_12 (Dense)	(None, 4)	4004
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Figure 2.2: Four layer NN Model

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Classification

How well does it work? Is it **useful**

Note that the bar for **useful**? is dependent on the application. E.g. nuclear power vs customer recommendations. give accuracy or error numbers.

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Classification

What: Classify images, e.g. recognize the "type" of image.

daisy



daisy



sunflowers



sunflowers



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Classification

How: multi-layer convolutional NN.

```
model = tf.keras.Sequential([
    tf.keras.layers.Rescaling(1./255, input_shape=(new_wd, new_wd, 3)),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(16, 3, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(),
    tf.keras.layers.Conv2D(16, 4, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.MaxPooling2D(),
    #tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.1), not active
    tf.keras.layers.Flatten(),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    tf.keras.layers.Dense(1, activation="sigmoid") ,
])
```

Figure 2.5: Keras model

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Classification

How well does it work? Is it **useful**?

Give example of accuracy. Also, maybe show some example misclassification

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Forecasting and Regression

What: forecast the monthly **change** in non-farm payroll.

Data Source: BLS via St. Louis Fed site FRED.

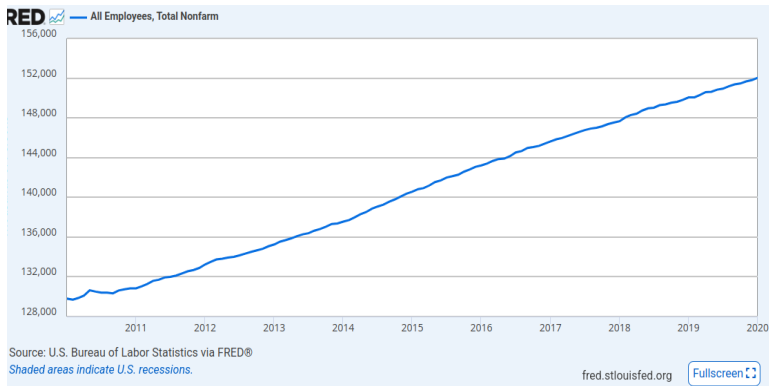


Figure 2.6: NonFarm Payroll level, 2010 - 2020

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Forecasting and Regression

Not always a steady increase.

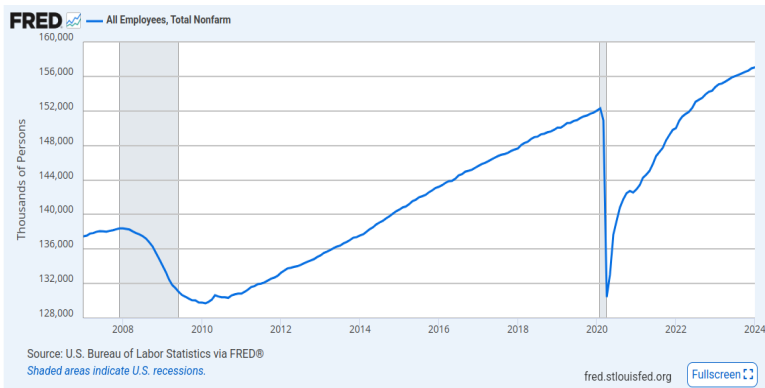


Figure 2.7: NonFarm Payroll level, 2008 - 2023

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Changes in the level look less predictable.

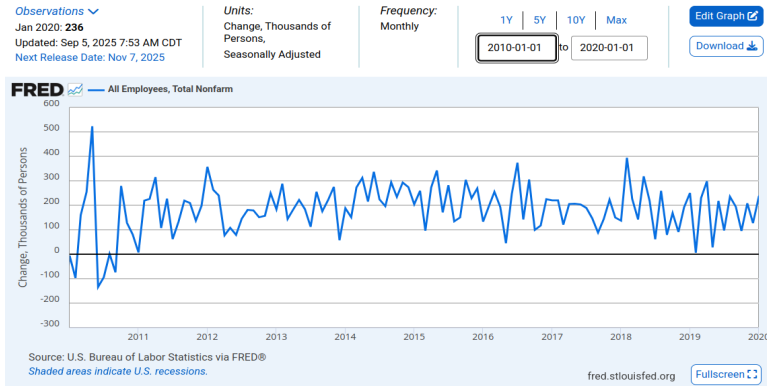


Figure 2.8: NonFarm Payroll, changes

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Forecasting and Regression

What: forecast the next month's change in non-farm payroll.

How: regress the monthly change on

- One or more lagged values.
- Unemployment rate.
- Civilian Labor force.
- Other data that might be helpful:
 - GDP (quarterly)
 - unemployment claims (weekly)
 - ADP payroll changes (monthly)
 - Google trend values for "job", "layoff", ... (hourly)

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Forecasting and Regression

How well does it work? Is it **useful**?

Useful if it can reliably predict whether the number will beat expectations.

show plot of actual vs. predicted

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Recommendations

What: predict a viewer's rating for a movie.

How: Embedding NN for both viewer and the movie.

The similarity between viewer and rating determines the predicted rating.

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Recommendations

Simple explanation of the model.
Back to the plot explaining embedding.

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Generative AI

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Conclusion and next steps

Let me help you solve your problems.
Next steps?

Thank you!

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