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John Salvatier

Relevant Experience

4/2013 - Software Development Engineer II, Amazon.com, Inc., Seattle, WA.

current

- Taught functional data programming for scala and javascript to two teams
- Became internally recognized expert in the Spark mapreduce framework
- Critical part of project to rebuild Contribution Profit system in Spark
- Conceived of Retail Video Recorder for recording fast help videos for business users and then lead prototype team

2009 - Developer/Quantitative Analyst, RPX Research, Inc., Redmond, WA.

10/2012

- Engineered on-line, high-frequency (10ms), price model for a bond trading algorithm with continuous updating, extendible model and data-feed specific tuning (C#)
- Engineered price, trade and volatility time-series models for large datasets in search of bond, futures and equity market trading strategies using SQL, NumPy and PyMC (C#, Python)
- Engineered system for creating and visualizing trading performance metrics using SQL and MSChart and with higher-order function based extensions
- Built system for evaluating bond, futures and equity trading strategies against historical market data by simulating real time trading
- Added high-frequency price data to data collection infrastructure

2012 Statistical Consulting.

Corporate bond default model

- Bayesian proportional-hazards model with a latent, time-varying, financial-fragility factor
- Multi-level effects
- Fit numerically using two-layer Hamiltonian Monte-Carlo

Summer Developer (Intern), Capstone Technology, Camas, WA.

2006

- ${\color{blue} \circ}$ Improved stability and interface efficiency of PARCS uite plant operations management software (C#)
- Responsible for the migration of several components of the PARCSuite software from the 1.1 .NET framework to the 2.0 .NET framework

Open Source

2012 - **PyMC 3.0**, Bayesian inference package (Python).

Engineered PyMC 2.2 The ano based replacement with dramatically simpler, smaller and more powerful code-base, which will soon replace PyMC 2.2 and become PyMC 3.0

2010 – 2012 **PyMC 2.0**, Bayesian inference package (Python, C, Fortran).

- Added Automatic Differentiation for likelihoods
- Implemented gradient based samplers which scale better with problem size, self-tune, handle difficult distributions well, etc.
- ${\color{blue} \circ}$ Engineered PyMC extension allowing for multiple chain samplers
- Experimented with numexpr and Cython code generation using Jinja2 templating for likelihoods
- 2012 **NumPy**, (C).

Patch adding advanced indexing interface to NumPy's C-API

2012 **Theano**, (Python, C).

Patch adding fast advanced indexing and gradient support

2009 scikits.bvp_solver, (Python, Fortran).

Built and presently maintain a user-friendly interface for the Fortran numerical boundary value problem solver ${\tt BVP_SOLVER}$

Self-Study

10 – 12/2012 Carnegie Mellon Courses.

Completed all lectures and homework for two courses. Courses were designed for Standard ML, but I completed them in Scala.

- 15-150: Functional Programming
- o 15-210: Parallel & Sequential Data Structures and Algorithms

12/2012– Hadoop and Scalding.

Learning Hadoop via Twitter's Scalding, by implementing efficient parallel prefix-sum function and other projects

Technical

- Fluent with C#, Python, Scala
- Experienced with Java, Haskell, Standard ML, C, C++, Fortran, R, LATEX
- Fluent with Bayesian statistical modeling and sophisticated Monte-Carlo sampling
- Well-versed in economics and decision theory
- Skilled at technical writing
- Fluent in Spanish

Education

2008

2009 University of Washington, B.S. in Chemical Engineering.

2009 University of Washington, B.S. in Paper Science and Engineering.

Other Experience

Summer Process Engineer (Intern), Boise-Cascade, Pasco, WA.

• Investigated economics and feasibility of three capital projects

• Conducted trial to investigate systemic product quality measurement problems

Summer Process Engineer (Intern), Boise-Cascade, Pasco, WA.

2007 • Investigated maintenance and energy projects for cost effectiveness

Summer Researcher (Intern), Kimberly-Clark, Neenah, WI. 2005