

KEVIN J. WU

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EDUCATION:

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Mathematics and Economics, Cum Laude

Academics: Overall GPA — 3.61. Coursework includes Machine Learning, Computer Science, Quantitative Finance, Capital Markets, Probability Theory, and Game Theory.

Extracurriculars: Executive editor at *The Harvard Crimson*, writer for the Harvard College Investment Magazine.

Cambridge, MA

May 2014

NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

New Providence High School Diploma

Honors: Class valedictorian and President of the National Honor Society. SAT I score: 2400.

Awards: Recipient of the National Merit Scholarship and the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship.

New Providence, NJ

June 2010

SKILLS:

- Extensive experience using R and Python for data mining, statistical analysis, and data visualization. Working knowledge of Java, C#, and SQL, as well as Hadoop/MapReduce for distributed data storage and processing.

EXPERIENCE:

PRATTLE ANALYTICS

Data Scientist (Contract)

- Using natural language processing techniques to develop trading signals from corporate earnings call transcripts. Responsible for data storage and integrity, model development, and testing.

New York, NY

April 2016 – present

BELVEDERE TRADING

Quantitative Developer

- Used Excel and R to backtest a new trading signal based on the fundamental relationship between related future and stock securities (e.g. ES and SPY). Worked with traders to evaluate the performance of the new indicator and make adjustments to the model as needed.
- Wrote C# application to predict correlations between futures with different expiration dates, using historical price returns. Used SQL Server to design and implement a new database schema for storing historical and predicted beta values.

Chicago, IL

August 2015 – March 2016

Hybrid Trader Trainee/Software Developer

- As a software developer, wrote MapReduce procedures in Java to track the profitability of automated trading strategies and to compute intra-day correlations and variance of futures prices using high frequency market data.
- As a trader trainee on the S&P 500 trading desk, presented daily market summaries and trade recommendations to the team; completed an internal training program on options theory and market-making through classes and trading simulations.

July 2014 – July 2015

DEUTSCHE BANK AG

Global Markets Summer Analyst

- Drafted market research write-ups for salespeople on the International Equity Sales team and their clients, presented regular stock pitches for team members, and attended client meetings and IPO briefings.
- Analyzed risk using principal component analysis for the Municipal Bonds/Derivatives trading desk.

New York, NY

June 2013 – August 2013

NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMICS RESEARCH

Research Assistant to Professor Richard Hornbeck

- Assembled data for a paper analyzing the impact of railroad development on market access in the United States economy.

Cambridge, MA

June 2012 – Sept. 2012

RESEARCH:

Understanding “Fedspeak”: Identifying the Sources of Market Sentiment in Central Bank Communications

Senior thesis, presented to the Harvard University Department of Applied Mathematics

April 1, 2014

- Used machine learning and natural language processing libraries in Python (e.g. scikit-learn, NLTK) to analyze the relationship between language in the Federal Reserve’s monthly statements and financial market sentiment.