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SUMMARY

My background is a combination of mathematics, statistics and computer science. My BSc thesis is about how the tail index of a distribution can be used in time series predictions. In my MSc thesis I analyzed how the pairwise preferences can be incorporated in standard recommender systems algorithms.

I am mostly interested in data science, machine learning, functional programming, algorithms. I am most fluent in Scala and Java. I also use R, Matlab and Octave a lot for data related tasks. However, I did some OCaml, Ruby, Python, Javascript in the past.

Currently I am looking for a data scientist position in Europe.

EDUCATION

Hacker School, New York, USA

February 2014 - April 2014

During my stay at Hacker School I concentrated on polishing my Scala skills, learning network programming, concurrent programming using Akka actor model. I implemented a chat server and client side in Scala using Socko web server; all communication in pure TCP. I also started making a multiplayer Pacman game: frontend in Javascript, backend in Scala using Akka actor model and Socko web server; did some smaller two-day projects. Finally, I spent two weeks so far doing Machine Learning course and implementing linear, logistic regression classification algorithms, neural network forward and backward propagation algorithms in Octave.

Free University of Bozen/Bolzano, Italy

MSc in Computer Science

September 2011 - March 2014

Modules included: Theory of Computing, Functional and Logic Programming Languages, Computer Networks, Operating Systems, Advanced Internet Technologies, Data Warehousing and Data Mining, Information Search and Retrieval, Database Management and Tuning, Similarity Search, Temporal and Spatial Databases, Research Methods, XML Data Management, Laboratory in Statistics, Seminar in Human-Machine Interaction, Semantic Web Technologies.

The final thesis: *"Pairwise Preferences in Collaborative Filtering"* (supervisor prof. Francesco Ricci).

GPA 110 cum laude/110, Thesis: 8/8

Vilnius University, Lithuania

BSc in Finance and Insurance Mathematics

September 2007 - June 2011

Modules included: Mathematical Analysis, Algebra and Geometry, Discrete Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry, Data Structures and Algorithms, Selected Topics in Analysis, Statistics, Database Management Systems, Probability Theory and Mathematical Statistics, Actuarial Mathematics, Sampling Theory, Theory of Investments, Risk Theory, Time Series, Informatics, Visual Programming, Methodology of Economics, Foreign Language (English), Introduction to Philosophy, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Spanish Language, Italian Language, German Language.

The final thesis: *"The Role of Tail Index in Analysis of Currency Returns"* (supervisor prof. Vyngantas Paulauskas).

GPA 8.90/10, Thesis 10/10

Lund University, Sweden

Exchange student

September 2009 - June 2010

Modules (from Master track) included: Multivariate Analysis, Financial Statistics, Microdata Analysis, Statistics, Beginners Course in Swedish, Econometric Time Series, Categorical Data Analysis, Course Work

Project, Swedish for Exchange Students.

Gymnasium of Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania

High School Diploma

September 2003 - June 2007

Level A graduation exams taken: Mathematics (100/100), History (96/100), English (99/100), Lithuanian (100/100).

GPA 9.91/10

Independent online courses

Courses taken: Introduction to Databases (Coursera, Stanford University), Software Engineering for SaaS (Coursera, University of California, Berkeley), Functional Programming Principles in Scala (Coursera, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne).

AWARDS

Merit scholarship (academic year 2012/2013) from the Autonomous Province of South Tyrol.

Sport achievements:

Winner of multiple bouldering competitions at the National and Baltic level, Prizewinner of multiple National orienteering and ski-orienteering competitions, 10th in Worldloppet cross-country skiing race Bieg Piastow.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Technical Worker at *Institute of the Lithuanian Language*, Vilnius, Lithuania
December

Data processing for dictionaries.

Used technologies: *Python*, *MySQL*.

Market Research Analyst at *Euromonitor International*, Vilnius, Lithuania
Statistical analysis.

2011 May - 2011 July

Used technologies: *VBA*, *R*.

Internship at *PZU Lietuva*, Vilnius, Lithuania

2011 February - 2011 April

I had a three months internship in a products and underwriting management department. The tasks included regression analysis for third party motor insurance, various actuarial computations and other analytical tasks.

Used technologies: *R*, *Python*, *Excel*.

SKILLS

Natural languages: native **Lithuanian** speaker, proficient in oral and written **English** (Toefl 100), intermediate **German** (B2), beginner **Italian**, **Swedish**.

Languages: everyday use: *Java*, *Scala*, *R*, *Javascript*; occasional use: *OCaml*, *Python*, *Ruby*, *Matlab*, *Octave*.

Databases: *PostgreSQL*, *MySQL*.

Tools: *Bash*, *Git*, *Latex*.

OS: *Mac OS X*.

Frameworks: *Play*, *Ruby on Rails*, *Grails*.

Other: *HTML/CSS*.

INTERESTS

Solving algorithmic problems (e.g. Project Euler), rock climbing, cross-country skiing, trail running.