GPA: 3.9/4

# **EDUCATION**

# **COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL**

New York, NY

**MS,** Financial Economics GRE: 329 08/2021 - 05/2023

A highly selective program (4% acc. rate) which combines PhD and MBA courses in quantitative econometrics and finance Anticipated Coursework (PhD-level): Optimization, Applied Multivariate Statistics, High Dimensional Statistics, Statistical Inference, Assets Pricing, Econometric & Time Series Analysis, Microeconomics Analysis

**Programming:** Python (PyTorch/Tensorflow), Linux/Bash, C++, Java/C#, SQL, 50k+ lines programming experience

# SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

Guangzhou, China

BS, Mathematics and Applied Mathematics; BBA, Accounting

08/2015 - 06/2020

*Coursework*: Neural Networks, Machine Learning, Probability & Statistics, Optimization, Calculus, Algebra, Real Analysis, ODE *Honors*: Outstanding Graduate (highest distinct, Top 0.5%), First-place Scholarship, Microsoft Stars of Tomorrow

# **EXPERIENCE**

# MICROSOFT RESEARCH

Beijing, China

Research Intern (Full-time), Machine Learning Group, Advisor: Dr. Weiqing Liu & Dong Zhou

06/2020 - Present

- Learning Multiple Trading Patterns (ACM-SIGKDD 2021)
  - Proposed a lightweight extensive module, temporal routing adaptor (TRA), to automatically dispatch samples into multiple
    domains and select a best predictor, applied optimal transport restrict balance assignments while keeping lowest overall loss;
  - Researched ablation studies on the influence of number of domains, performance of hidden states and memory mapping combination, surpassed state-of-the-art baselines' RankIC by 1%, Annual Return by 3.1%.
- Deep Risk Model (In processing of ACM-ICAIF 2021):
  - Formulated risk mining as a supervised learning task and overcame fundamental and statistical risk models's deficiency;
  - ▶ Put forward a deep learning solution (GAT-GRU) for mining risk latent factors to improve covariance matrix estimation;
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Advanced cutting-edge performance in  $R^2$  by 1.9%, manifested stability and explainability in our model and objective design.
- Representation Learning of Stock Data
  - Deep Clustering: Plugged reconstruction loss in auto-encoder with clustering based pseudo labels, projected data into a linear separable hidden space, accomplished 3% enhancement to baseline (analogue to manifold clustering);
  - Contrastive Learning: Applied a contrastive method in representing learning with optimal transport, exceeded benchmarks on downstream with 1st online clustering algorithm, achieved oracle accuracy on synthetic data (99%).
- Qlib (1st open-source AI platform for Quant Finance): Released the TRA model and its baselines. (github.com/microsoft/qlib)

# SUNSHINE QUANT INVESTMENT CONSULTING (Prop Trading) Research Intern, Quantitative Research

Shenzhen, China 02/2020 - 05/2020

- **Portfolio Optimization**: Built Black-Litterman model with risk parity strategy as prior and adversarial learning predictions as posterior; enhanced index's return by approx. 4%, max drawdown by 30%. (github.com/linhx25/BlackLittermanModel)
- Adversarial Learning: Constructed a GAN to empower LSTM's baseline by 2%, attained accuracy of 58% and MSE of 0.44%.

# MORGAN STANLEY HUAXIN FUNDS (Mutual Fund) Quantitative Analyst, Risk Management

Shenzhen, China 05/2019 - 08/2019

- **Performance Attribution**: Cracked funds' return into security selection and industry allocation based on Brinson model, developed the program in C# hence improved attribution algorithm thereby hastening original process by 5 times;
- Fair Trading Analysis: Computed profit discrepancies in trading window according to regulations in analyzing unfair trades.

# SOUTHERN STATISTICAL SCIENCE LAB

Guangzhou, China 09/2017 - 02/2019

Research Intern, Financial Engineering

- Numpy.NET: Developed a data structure emulating Numpy in C# and allowed efficient functions in time series analysis model;
- Hidden Markov Model: Utilized the EM algorithm to estimate MSVAR's parameters. (github.com/linhx25/MarkovSwitching)

# **PROJECTS**

# Undergraduate Thesis (Best Paper) - "Readability, Opaqueness and Crash Risk", Advisor: Prof. Keming Wang

- Developed a Python package to process firms' 10-K fillings (217G) and applied NLP methods for annual report textual analysis;
- Carried robustness test to eliminate endogeneity: searched alternative variables, tested fixed effect of panel data;
- Proved that 10-K fillings of high-risk firms are of low readability and high opaqueness. (github.com/linhx25/FReader).

# **Kaggle's PUBG Machine Learning Prediction (Ranked Top 1%)**

- Conducted feature engineering and tested linear/non-linear models with regularization in pre-experiment;
- Implemented Random Forest, Genetic Algorithm, Particle Swarm and GBDT in Python for prediction, with 1.95% MAE;
- Ranked Top 1% in Kaggle's Project competition (kaggle.com/pubg-prediction, Team SYSU).

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Cantonese (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)

| Interests: Hip-hop dance, Climbing (elevation 6,000 m), Cooking