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Computational physicist and machine learning researcher specializing in artificial intelligence (AI) & machine learning (ML) solutions, statistical physics, and complex systems. Experience spans development of novel network analysis methods and implementation of large-scale machine learning systems, with particular focus on probabilistic modeling and scalable data analytics. Proven track record of developing production-ready ML solutions while leading cross-functional teams in engagements.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

Senior Data Scientist , Slalom, Inc., New York, NY	Sep 2024 – Present
Data Scientist , Slalom, Inc., New York, NY	Jul 2021 – Aug 2024
Associate Data Scientist , Slalom, Inc., New York, NY	Jan 2020 – Jun 2021
Post-doctoral Research Assistant , Virginia Tech, VA	Feb 2019 – Dec 2019
Ph.D., Physics , Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA	Dec 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Dissertation</i>: Application of Network Reliability to Analyze Diffusive Processes on Graph Dynamical Systems<i>Research Focus</i>: Complex systems analysis, Statistical physics, Network science<i>US Patent</i> (US20210286859A1): System, method and computer readable medium for sensitivity of dynamical systems to interaction network topology	
M.S., Physics , Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA	May 2017
M.Sc., Physics , Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi, India	May 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Thesis</i>: Study of Cold Atomic Condensates by Atomic Photon Interactions<i>Award</i>: Best Master of Science Thesis 2011-2012	
B.Sc. (Hons.) , Physics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India	May 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Minors</i>: Mathematics and Chemistry	

MACHINE LEARNING RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (2020–PRESENT)

- Generative AI & Chatbot Proof of Concepts (POCs)**
 - Lead Data Scientist || Product Discovery Chatbot POC || Financial Services Client
Architected a product discovery system on Databricks integrating Llama¹ with the LangChain agent framework, implementing MLflow pipelines. Developed a scalable solution in 2 months achieving measurable improvements in information retrieval.
 - Data Scientist || Interactive Q&A Chatbot || Healthcare Tech Startup
Developed a Q&A system using Anthropic Claude model on AWS² Bedrock, designed to extract insights from complex biopharma and medtech datasets, in 6 weeks. Enhanced user interface design to improve accessibility and user satisfaction, resulting in a scalable solution for healthcare sector decision-making.
 - Data Scientist || Knowledge-Based Chatbot for Sales || Equipment Rental Firm
Engineered and deployed a knowledge-based chatbot using Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) with OpenAI GPT³ and LangChain, improving document search efficiency and reducing inquiry response times by 22%, delivering the first digital innovation initiative for the client.
- Key Data Science Projects**
 - Lead Data Scientist || NLP⁴ for Safety Analytics || Energy & Utility Client
Led the development & deployment of advanced NLP⁴ pipelines on Azure Databricks, utilizing sentiment analysis and topic modeling to extract critical safety-related insights. Empowered the executive safety committee by providing data-driven analysis that refined organizational policies, directly contributing to enhanced employee safety and measurable reductions in incident frequency and severity.
 - Lead Data Scientist || NLP⁴ for e-Discovery Document Evaluation || Legal Services Client
Architected an e-discovery document classification system using Word2Vec document embeddings and SVM⁵ classifiers on AWS² SageMaker, implementing an automated retraining pipeline that incrementally updates models based on human-reviewed samples. Demonstrated potential for reducing manual review efforts and costs through automated document classification and feedback-driven model improvements.
 - Data Scientist || Syndicated Retail Data Analysis || Consumer Packaged Goods Company
Implemented fuzzy matching algorithms to consolidate syndicated retail data from multiple vendors (Nielsen, IRI⁶, and Skupos) into a centralized Azure Databricks platform. Eliminated manual data reconciliation processes, achieving a 38% efficiency improvement in product comparison and analysis. Leveraged sophisticated data integration techniques to transform complex, disparate data sources into a unified, actionable intelligence repository.

¹Llama: Large Language Model Meta AI, ²AWS: Amazon Web Services, ³GPT: Generative pre-trained transformer, ⁴NLP: Natural Language Processing, ⁵SVM: Support Vector Machines, ⁶IRI: Information Resources, Inc.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral Research Assistant, Virginia Tech, VA, (2019)

- Formulated novel algorithms combining Monte Carlo simulations with perturbative methods for NP⁷-hard problems in complex systems analysis.
- Implemented statistical approaches for community detection in large-scale weighted directed networks, achieving significant improvements over traditional methods.
- Applied computational methods to analyze international trade network dynamics from the United Nations (UN) Comtrade database, to identify crucial communities for preventing global pestilence distribution.

Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Tech, (2014-2018)

- Developed new approaches to network reliability using Moore-Shannon formalism. [GitHub repo](#)
- Created efficient Monte Carlo methods to simulate real-world epidemic outbreak scenarios, providing policymakers with improved estimates.
- Identified vulnerabilities within global food trade networks and accurately forecasted the impact of mitigating contagion conditions with approximately 96% precision to understand and mitigate the spread of pests.
- Developed an algorithm using concepts of Moore-Shannon network reliability to estimate the energy states of an interacting magnetic system, reducing the time complexity from $O(n^2)$ to $O(n)$.

DATA ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Data Migration to Salesforce || Nonprofit Organization

- Successfully migrated 1TB of historical data to Salesforce through meticulously designed SQL stored procedures and optimized ETL⁸ pipelines in Azure Data Factory, ensuring comprehensive data integrity and seamless integration.
- Implemented advanced validation techniques that significantly reduced migration errors and enhanced overall data quality for enterprise-level data management.
- Demonstrated expertise in large-scale data migration, transformation, and validation across cloud platforms.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

Technical Review & Service

- Reviewer, NeurIPS: Machine Learning and Physical Sciences (2022, 2024)
- Reviewer, ICML⁹: Synergy of Scientific and Machine Learning Modeling (2023)
- Reviewer, Physical Review E (2022-Present)
- Industry Ambassador, Women in Network Science Society (2022-Present)
- Organizer of Women in Network Science Networks 2021 Conference (2021)

Teaching & Mentorship

- Managed & mentored summer interns in advanced analytics and ML solutions, Slalom (2021-Present).
- Instructor of Record, Department of Physics, Virginia Tech (2018)
 - Developed and delivered comprehensive physics curriculum for a 3-credit introductory physics course covering Waves, Acoustics & Optics to ~ 90 undergraduate students.
 - Supervised laboratory sessions for introductory physics courses (Kinematics & Electro-magnetism) and provided individualized student support.
 - Recognized as a top-performing physics instructor for creating effective learning environment.

Invited Online Lectures

- **Speaker:** Insights into Data Engineering (Parts 1 & 2), Women Who Code San Francisco chapter, Jul 2021. [YouTube: Part 1](#) [YouTube: Part 2](#)
- **Speaker:** Exploring NLP⁴ Fuzzy Matching Algorithms, Apr 2021. [YouTube](#), [Medium article](#)
- **Panelist:** Statistics in Data Science Discussion, Women Who Code Statistics in Data Science Workshop Series, Mar 2021. [YouTube](#)
- **Speaker:** Regression & Predictions, Women Who Code Data Science: Statistics Workshop Series - Statistics in Data Science, Feb 2021. [YouTube](#), [Medium article](#)

⁴NLP: Natural Language Processing, ⁷NP: non-deterministic polynomial-time hardness, ⁸ETL: Extract, Transform, Load, ⁹ICML: International Conference on Machine Learning,

PUBLICATIONS

- Mishra, R., Eubank, S., **Nath, M.**, Amundsen, M., and Adiga, A. (2022, November). Community Detection Using Moore-Shannon Network Reliability: Application to Food Networks, In International Conference on Complex Networks and Their Applications (pp. 271-282). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
- Eubank, S., **Nath, M.**, Ren, Y., and Adiga, A. (2022). Perturbative methods for mostly monotonic probabilistic satisfiability problems. arXiv preprint arXiv:2206.03550.
- **Nath, M.**, et. al. (2019). Using network reliability to understand international food trade dynamics. In Complex Networks and Their Applications VII: Volume 1 Proceedings The 7th International Conference on Complex Networks and Their Applications COMPLEX NETWORKS 2018 7 (pp. 524-535). Springer International Publishing.
- **Nath, M.**, Ren Y., and Eubank, S. (2019). An approach to structural analysis using Moore-Shannon network reliability. In Complex Networks and Their Applications VII: Volume 1 Proceedings The 7th International Conference on Complex Networks and Their Applications COMPLEX NETWORKS 2018 7 (pp. 537-549). Springer International Publishing.
- **Nath, M.**, Ren, Y., Khorramzadeh, Y., and Eubank, S. (2018). Determining whether a class of random graphs is consistent with an observed contact network. Journal of theoretical biology. 440, 121-132.
- **Nath, M.**, and Eubank, S. (2018). Model selection for sequential designs in discrete finite systems using Bernstein kernels. arXiv preprint arXiv:1807.06661.
- Ren, Y., Eubank, S., and **Nath, M.** (2016). From network reliability to the Ising model: A parallel scheme for estimating the joint density of states. Physical Review E, 94(4), 042125.
- **M. Nath**, et. al. (2015). A two-parameter method to characterize the network reliability for diffusive processes. In Complex Networks VI: Proceedings of the 6th Workshop on Complex Networks CompleNet 2015 (pp. 139-148). Springer International Publishing.
- Agarwala, A., **Nath, M.**, Lugani, J., Thyagarajan, K., and Ghosh, G. (2012). Fock-space exploration by angle resolved transmission through a quantum diffraction grating of cold atoms in an optical lattice. Physical Review A, 85(6), 063606.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Invited Speaker:** Network reliability: a generic tool to explore diffusive processes on interacting systems, NASA Prebiotic Chemistry and Early Earth Environments (PCE3) Virtual Workshop 2022 Nano- to Cosmic- Studies of Complex Systems, University of Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI, Oct. 20, 2022.
- Perturbative methods for estimating relative contributions to network reliability, SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) Workshop on Network Science, Virtual Workshop, Sep 13-15, 2022.
- Statistical mechanical applications of graph dynamical systems, Condensed Matter Seminar, Department of Physics, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, Oct. 30, 2017.
- Determining whether a particular contact network is consistent with a network model, 1st North American Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, Washington DC, Jul. 26-30, 2017.
- Network reliability: A novel measure to study the effects of network topology on the diffusive dynamics, Symposium for the Society of Young Network Scientists, NetSci 2017, Indianapolis, IN, Jun. 19-23, 2017.
- Network reliability: A measure to study diffusive dynamics on networks, Center for Soft Matter and Biological Physics Symposium 2017, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, May 17-18, 2017.
- Effects of network structure on propagation of infectious diseases, 33rd Annual Graduate Student Assembly Symposium and Exposition, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, Mar. 29, 2017.
- Renormalization group approaches for dynamics on irregular networks, APS (American Physical Society) March Meeting 2017, New Orleans, LA, Mar. 13-17, 2017.
- Diffusive dynamics on a network, SESAPS (Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society) Conference 2016, Charlottesville, VA, Nov. 9-12, 2016.
- Effects of network structure on epidemic modeling, Biocomplexity Institute Symposium 2016, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, Nov. 1, 2016.
- A two-parameter method to characterize the network reliability for diffusive processes, CompleNet 2015, New York City, NY, Mar. 25-27, 2015.
- Four-parameter characterization of network reliability and analysis of critical point phenomenology, APS (American Physical Society) March Meeting 2015, San Antonio, TX, Mar. 2-6, 2015.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Computational & Data Processing

- Programming: Python, SQL, PySpark, R, Bash
- Distributed Computing: Apache Spark, PySpark, Databricks || Cloud Platforms: AWS², Azure, GCP¹⁰,
- Version Control & CI/CD¹¹: GitLab, GitHub, Azure DevOps, BitBucket, Docker (familiar)

Machine Learning Analytics

- ML Frameworks: MLflow, LangChain, TensorFlow (familiar) || Data Tools: Delta Lake, Delta Lakehouse
- Areas: Statistical modeling, NLP⁴, LLMs¹² (Llama¹, Anthropic Claude, OpenAI GPT³), Statistical modeling

Project Management & Collaboration

- Agile methodology
- Cross-functional team leadership
- Stakeholder communication

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¹⁰GCP: Google Cloud Platform, ¹¹CI/CD: : Continuous Integration & Continuous Development, ¹²LLM: Large Language Model