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Work **Experience**

Senior R&D Engineer, Boston Scientific Corp., Valencia, CA

2012-present

2007-2012

- Used linear regression, hypothesis testing, sensitivity analysis on preclinical, engineering and simulated data to successfully evaluate MRI safety of neuromodulation systems. The strategy and methodology developed is now being used for multiple projects.
- Performed engineering analysis, drafted technical reports, participated in conversations with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that led to Boston Scientific's first MRI conditional neuromodulation system in the US, which was critical for Boston Scientific to meet competition in the market.

Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

- Designed experiments, gathered multi-sensor data by testing of human cadaveric fingers.
- Demonstrated that models generated using symbolic regression implemented in Eureqa were more accurate, robust to noise and parsimonious compared to other multivariable regression models (linear, polynomial, nonlinear).
- Developed a novel non-linear finite element simulation environment in C/C++ to model the mechanics of elastic tendon networks.
- Implemented stochastic hill climbing optimization on the USC Linux cluster with Matlab parallel computing toolboxes to infer models of the human finger from experimental data and evaluated their accuracy on cross-validation data.
- Used Principal Component Analysis to investigate dimensionality of finger movement data.

Side **Projects**

- Used scikit-learn Random Forest Regression to predict bike sharing demand (Kaggle)
- Applied Random forest Classification to predict survivors of the Titanic (Kaggle)
- Used SOL, Python to explore New York city taxi data.
- For other projects and details: manishkurse.github.io

Skill **Summary**

- Machine learning, data analysis, statistics, mathematical modeling, optimization
- Designing and performing experiments to collect data
- Communication of results to business leaders, regulatory agencies and research community
- Programming: Python (NumPy, Pandas, scikit-learn, matplotlib), SQL, Matlab, C/C++

Courses

- Machine learning (USC), Applied Mathematics (Cornell), Biostatistics (USC), Advanced Dynamics (USC), Linear Control Systems (USC), Non-linear Dynamics (Cornell)
- Self taught: SOL, Machine Learning (Andrew Ng, Coursera)

Education

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

2012

Ph.D., M.S., Biomedical Engineering, GPA: 3.96/4.0

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

2007

Graduate course work, Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 4.03/4.0

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, India

2006

Bachelor of Technology, Mechanical Engineering, GPA: 9.08/10.0

Honors/ **Awards**

Knowledge Driven Product Development Award, Boston Scientific

2013

Checkered Flag Award, Boston Scientific (awarded for going above and beyond to 2012, 2013 make a difference to a program supporting company goals)

Olin Fellowship for graduate study, Cornell University

2006