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Education

- 2018–present **Ph.D. Statistics**, *University of British Columbia*, Vancouver, BC.
supervisors: Drs. Alexandre Bouchard-Côté & Trevor Campbell
2014–2015 **M.A. Statistics**, *Columbia University*, New York, NY.
project: Analyzing call center data using self-exciting point processes
2006–2012 **B.Eng.Sc. Industrial Engineering**, *University of Chile*, Santiago, Chile.
supervisors: Drs. José Miguel Cruz & Cristián Bravo
note: Considers also a professional degree in Industrial Engineering

Academic Experience

- 2019–present **Research Assistant**, *UBC Statistics*, Vancouver, Canada.
Supervised by Alexandre Bouchard-Côté & Trevor Campbell.
2019–2020 **Teaching Assistant**, *UBC Statistics*, Vancouver, Canada.
◦ STAT 251 — Elementary Statistics
◦ STAT 302 — Introduction to Probability
◦ STAT 450 — Case Studies in Statistics

Publications

- 2018 **Biron, M.**, and Medina, V. *Leveraging Probability of Default Models for Bayesian Inference of Default Correlations*. Paper presented at the Conference on Business Analytics in Finance and Industry (BAFI), University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.
2014 **Biron, M.**, & Bravo, C. On the discriminative power of credit scoring systems trained on independent samples. In *Data Analysis, Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery* (pp. 247-254). Springer International Publishing.

Honors

- 2018 **Anona Thorne and Takao Tanabe Graduate Entrance Scholarship**, *Department of Statistics, UBC*.
2018–2021 **Four year doctoral fellowship (4YF)**, *UBC*.
Provided with financial support of at least \$18,200 per year plus tuition for up to four years of their doctoral studies
2014 **Becas Chile Scholarship**, *CONICYT*.
For graduate studies abroad (ranked 42 out of 408 recipients and out of 1,384 valid applications)
2006–2010 **Dean's list**, *University of Chile (FCFM)*.
For obtaining a GPA of 5.7 or above (scale ranges from 1 to 7).

Conferences and seminars

Presentations

- Oct-2019 **Composites Research Network + Data Science Institute Research Talks, UBC.**
Debiasing Monte Carlo Estimators
- 2018–present **Multiple Reading Groups, UBC.**
Regular presentations at groups headed by Drs. Benjamin Bloem-Reddy, Alexandre Bouchard-Côté & Trevor Campbell.
- 2018 **Conference on Business Analytics in Finance and Industry (BAFI), Santiago, Chile.**
Leveraging Probability of Default Models for Bayesian Inference of Default Correlations

Organization

- 2020–present **Constance van Eeden Student Seminar, UBC.**

Professional Experience

- 2019–2020 **Senior consultant, Applied Statistics and Data Science Group, UBC.**
In charge of organizing and holding meetings with clients, and supervising the work of a junior consultant responsible of writing a summary report with our recommendations. Notable projects:
- Prior Clinical Presentations and Service use Patterns as Predictors of Mortality in The Hotel Study Participants during the 10-year period of Observation
 - Association between time-to-surgery and survival rates of breast cancer patients
 - Assessing reliability of the Heckmatt scale for ultrasound-visualized spasticity-related fibrosis
 - Characterizing brain metastases arising from head and neck cancer
 - Evaluation of Wood-Cement Composites Made with Contaminated Wood Waste
 - Analyzing glaucoma-related patient outcomes after anti-VEGF therapy
 - COPD originates in polluted air: controlled human exposure study to diesel exhaust in COPD
- 2015–2018 **Financial Stability Analyst, Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, Santiago, Chile.**
I spent most of my time producing monthly reports with insights regarding potential threats to the financial stability of the banking system. This required processing massive databases with account-level data collected from banks (using SQL) for then analyzing them (using R). I also conducted applied research on the topic of financial stability. Some notable projects:
- Developing a method for Bayesian inference of default correlations by leveraging probability of default (PD) models
 - Building a systemic risk indicator for retail loans using account-level and macroeconomic data
 - Comparing the performance of statistical learning models for credit scoring
 - Estimating the joint distribution of implicit bank PDs from market transactions of time deposits
- 2011–2014 **Financial Engineering Analyst, CL Group Financial Services Consulting, Santiago, Chile.**
I was the lead analyst in a wide array of projects involving quantitative modelling of market and credit risk. Clients were financial institutions, mostly banks. Some notable projects were:
- Quantifying counterparty credit risk exposure of an interest rate swaps portfolio
 - Developing the market risk framework for a Central Counterparty of OTC derivatives
 - Assessing the credit risk exposure of a government-backed portfolio of student loans
 - Constructing PD models at many banks for credit risk management

Technical Experience (in decreasing order of proficiency)

- programming R, C/C++, SQL, Julia, Stan, Python, MATLAB, Java, Visual Basic
- documenting \LaTeX , Jupyter Notebooks, R Markdown, Microsoft Word
- others Git, Oracle, Sybase IQ, Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Excel

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