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SUMMARY

PhD-level educated, bilingual statistician and data scientist, who design, develop and implement advanced predictive methods, powered by machine learning and deep learning algorithms, in order to provide actionable insights from large volumes of real-world, structured and unstructured data in order to satisfy the business needs for decision making. My research interests include but are not limited to the following areas: machine learning and deep learning algorithms, supervised learning, and unsupervised learning methods, time series forecasting and modeling, big data, distribution theory, statistical analysis, optimization and operational research.

I believe that I have a team-oriented, can-do attitude, strong enthusiasm and a deep curiosity about the intersection of business and technology. I am passionate, highly motivated, innovative, energetic, reliable, inclusive and pro-diversity, and have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Analytics

Knoxville, TN, U.S.A.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS & STATISTICS, HASLAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

August 2015 – May 2020

- GPA: 3.92 / 4.00
- Coursework includes: Prescriptive Analytics, Statistical Inference, Probability/Stochastic Process, Bayesian Modeling and Computations, Data Mining Methods and Business Applications, Applied Multivariate Methods, Image Reconstruction, Reinforcement Learning, Applied Time Series, Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Multivariate Data Mining Techniques.
- Completed my dissertation "Advances and Applications in Deep Learning" under the supervision of Dr. Michel Ballings (mb@utk.edu).
- Working on real-world structured/unstructured data through an *American direct-to-consumer retailer*.

Master of Science in Statistics

Ankara, Turkey

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCES, HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY

August 2011 – June 2014

- GPA: 3.93 / 4.00 (ranked 1st of 15)
- Coursework includes: Linear Models, Time Series, Stochastic Processes, The Analysis of Contingency Tables, Simulation Techniques, Multivariate Statistical Methods, Survival Analysis.
- Completed my master thesis titled "A Study on Support Vector Machines" under supervision of Prof. Dr. Turhan MENTES (mentes@hacettepe.edu.tr).

Bachelor of Science in Statistics

Ankara, Turkey

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY

September 2007 – June 2011

- GPA: 3.24 / 4.00 (top 10%, ranked 9th of 91)
- Coursework includes: Categorical Data Analysis, Biostatistics, Econometrics, Time Series, Experimental Design, Multivariate Statistical Methods, Stochastic Processes, Sampling, Survey Design, Operation Research, Actuary, Regression Analysis, Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Nonparametric Statistical Methods, Statistical Decision Making, Linear Algebra, Calculus, (Advanced) Mathematics.

SKILLS

Programming Languages/Libraries	Python, Numpy, Pandas, scikit-learn, et cetera.
Deep Learning Libraries	Tensorflow, and Keras.
Container and Orchestration Systems	Docker, Swarm, Kubernetes.
Database Systems	PostgreSQL
Cloud Computing	Amazon Web Services
No-SQL/Full-text Search Systems	Elasticsearch/Kibana
Big Data Frameworks	Hadoop's MapReduce and Apache Spark
Scripting Languages	R, and MATLAB.
Visualization Software	Tableau.
Statistical Softwares	SPSS, and Minitab
Version Control	Git/Github
Markup Languages	LaTeX, Beamer, Jekyll, and Markdown/R-Markdown.
Miscellaneous	Extensive usage of Jupyter Lab and comfortable with Linux/Unix command line.
Languages	Turkish (Native Language), English (Full professional proficiency), French(Elementary proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS, FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY

Ankara, Turkey

October 2011 – present

- Teaching a wide range of undergraduate-level courses from Bayesian Statistics to Probability Theory.
- Consultant for undergraduate students.
- ERASMUS program coordinator.
- Managing seminars in the department.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS & STATISTICS, HASLAM COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Knoxville, TN, U.S.A.

August 2015 – July 2020

- Assisting students during the lab sessions and marking written reports of the assignments for courses such as Categorical Data Analysis, Customer Analytics, Applied Multivariate Methods, Applied Time series and many more.
- Co-creating a Deep Learning class for the first time in the faculty with my advisor Dr. Michel Ballings, covering a wide range of topics.

HONORS & AWARDS

2009–2010 **Supreme Success Award**, Faculty of Science, Hacettepe University

Ankara-Turkey

2015–2020 **Scholarship/Assistantship**, Department of Business Analytics & Statistics, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee

Knoxville, TN, U.S.A.

Fall 2015 **Statistics Excellence Fund**, Department of Business Analytics & Statistics, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee

Knoxville, TN, U.S.A.

EDITOR AND TRANSLATOR

1. Editor of the Turkish translation of the book "Automate the Boring Stuff with Python" by Al Sweigart, Buzdağı Kitapevi, soon-to-be-published.
2. Editor of the Turkish translation of the book "Python Crash Course: A Hands-On, Project-Based Introduction to Programming" by Eric Matthes, Buzdağı Kitapevi, soon-to-be-published.
3. Editor of the Turkish translation of the book "Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow: Concepts, Tools, and Techniques to Build Intelligent Systems" by Aurelien Geron, 2021, Buzdağı Kitapevi, <http://buzdagiyayinevi.com/scikit-learn-keras-ve-tensorflow-ile-uygulamali-makine-ogrenmesi/>
4. One of the translators of the Turkish translation of the book "Schaum's Outline of Probability (2nd edition)" by Marc Lipson and Seymour Lipschutz, 2013, Nobel Yayın Dağıtım, <https://www.nobelyayin.com/detay.asp?u=3893>.
5. One of the translators of the Turkish translation of the book "Introduction to Probability" by George G Roussas, 2014, Nobel Yayın Dağıtım, <https://www.nobelyayin.com/detay.asp?u=4207>.

PROJECTS

Technical Assistance for Strengthening Training and Research Capacity of the Centre for Labour and Social Training and Research (ÇASGEM))

Ankara, Turkey

SENIOR NON-KEY EXPERT (BASIC STATISTICAL ANALYSIS EXPERT)

2021

- Project No: TREESP1.3.CASGEM/P-01, EuropeAid/140073/IH/SER/TR
- by Directorate of European Union and Finance Assistance (DEUFA) in the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey
- for 2nd and 3rd Sessions of the Intervention 5.4 Training on Basic Statistical Analysis Method for Health Physical and Social Sciences in OHS - Total 50 participants
- <https://www.casgemeuproject.org/>

Turkish Nourishment and Health Project

Ankara, Turkey

RESEARCHER

August – September, 2013

- Project No: 013A601001
- by Republic of Turkey - Ministry of Health
- <http://www.saglik.gov.tr/>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Tan, O., Hizli Sayar, GH., Ünsalver, B.Ö., **Arat, M. M.** & Karamustafalioglu, O. (2014). "The correlations of nicotine addiction with the levels of impulsiveness, depression and anxiety in obsessive-compulsive patients". *Journal of Dependence*, 15(3), 124 – 133.
2. Gogcegoz Gül, I., Eryilmaz, G., Hizli Sayar, G., Özten, E., **Arat, M.M.**, & Tarhan, N. (2014). "Evaluation of the Efficacy of The Continuation Electroconvulsive Therapy in Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia". *Revista de Psiquiatria Clínica*, 41(4), 90 – 94
3. Eryilmaz, G. Gogcegoz Gül, I., Yorbik, O., & **Arat, M.M.** (2014). "Evaluation of Clinical Response According to Plasma Paroxetine Level in Paroxetine-Responsive Major Depression". *International Journal of Internal Medicine*, 3(3), 39 – 42.
4. Tan, O., Hizli Sayar, G., Ünsalver, B.Ö., **Arat, M. M.** & Karamustafalioglu, O. (2015). "Combining transcranial magnetic stimulation and cognitive-behavioral therapy in treatment resistant obsessive-compulsive disorder". *Anatolian Journal of Psychiatry*, 16(3), 180 – 188.
5. **Arat, M.M.**, Aktas, S. (2016). "Generalized Maximum Entropy Approach to Unreplicated Factorial Experiments". *Statistics and Its Interface*, 9(3), 295 – 302.
6. **Arat, M.M.**, Ballings, M. (2020). "Learning High-Cardinality Categorical Features with Sparse Updates". Ready to be submitted.
7. Bharadwaj, N., Ballings, M., Naik, P., Moore, G.M., **Arat, M.M.** (2021). "A New Livestream Retail Analytics Framework to Assess the Sales Impact of Emotional Displays". *Journal of Marketing*, Under Revision.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Applied Statistics 2012

[Ribno \(Bled\), Slovenia](#)

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, "TESTING EXPORT-LED GROWTH HYPOTHESIS: THE CASE OF TURKEY, 1961-2010"

[September 23 – 26, 2012](#)

EURO-INFORMS Joint International Meeting: 26th European Conference on Operational Research

[Rome, Italy](#)

ELCIN ERGIN, **MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT**, CEM IYIGUN, INCI BATMAZ, "SHORT-TERM ELECTRICITY LOAD FORECASTING VIA NONPARAMETRIC PREDICTION METHODS"

[July 1 – 4, 2013](#)

European Conference on Data Analysis by The German Classification Society (GfKl) and the French speaking Classification Society (SFC)

[Luxembourg, Luxembourg](#)

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, ELCIN ERGIN, "SHORT TERM LOAD FORECASTING USING ϵ -SUPPORT VECTOR REGRESSION"

[July 1 – 4, 2013](#)

The 13th Annual Conference of the European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS-13)

[Ankara, Turkey](#)

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, SERPIL AKTAS ALTUNAY, "GENERALIZED MAXIMUM ENTROPY APPROACH TO UNREPLICATED FACTORIAL EXPERIMENTS"

[September 15 – 19, 2013](#)

y-BIS 2013: Joint Meeting of Young Business and Industrial Statisticians, sponsored by International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS) and European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS)

[Istanbul, Turkey](#)

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, "COMPARISON OF SVM AND LS-SVM FOR REGRESSION"

[September 19 – 21, 2013](#)

Columbia University

[New York, NY, USA](#)

MICHEL BALLINGS, NEERAJ BHARADWAJ, PRASAD NAIK, GEORGE MILLER MOORE, **MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT**, "BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! DEEP LEARNING OF SALES ELASTICITY OF SALES PITCHES. THEORY + PRACTICE IN MARKETING"

[May 18, 2019](#)

Interactive Marketing Research Conference

[Houston, TX, USA](#)

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, GEORGE MILLER MOORE, **MICHEL BALLINGS**, "MAXIMIZING INSIGHTS FROM CUSTOMER DATA STREAMS"

[March 27 – 29, 2019](#)

INFORMS Annual Meeting 2019

[Seattle, WA, USA](#)

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, **MICHEL BALLINGS**, GEORGE MILLER MOORE, "BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS TO DEEP LEARNING ADOPTION IN CUSTOMER BEHAVIOR MODELING"

[October 20 – 23, 2019](#)

2020 Winter AMA Academic Conference

NEERAJ BHARADWAJ, MICHEL BALLINGS, PRASAD NAIK, MILLER MOORE AND **MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT**, "PURCHASE IMPACT OF A SALESPERSON'S FACIAL EXPRESSIONS: LARGE-SCALE VIDEO ANALYSIS USING DEEP LEARNING"

San Diego, CA, USA

February 14 – 16, 2020

22nd Local and 5th International Biostatistics Conference

OSMAN TOLGA KASKATI, **MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT**, FATMA KAYMAKAMTORUNLARI DENİZ, EMRE KESKİN, "POPÜLASYON GENETİĞİ ÇALIŞMALARINDA MANTEL TESTİ ÜZERİNDE BİR UYGULAMA"

Online

October 28 – 30, 2020

Underline means who presents the paper.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

6th International Congress on Psychopharmacology

GÖGCEGÖZ GÜL, I., ERYILMAZ, G., HIZLI SAYAR, G., ÖZTEN, E., TARHAN, N., **ARAT, M.M.**, "EVALUATION OF THE EFFICACY OF THE CONTINUATION ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY IN TREATMENT-RESISTANT SCHIZOPHRENIA"

Antalya, Turkey

September 19 – 21, 2020

INVITED TALKS/SEMINARS

Department of Statistics, of Hacettepe University

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, "BRINGING BUSINESS, STATISTICAL METHODS AND TRANSFER LEARNING TOGETHER: SALES ELASTICITY OF EMOTIONAL DISPLAYS - LARGE SCALE EVIDENCE FOR SELLING WITH A STRAIGHT FACE"

Ankara, Turkey

December 29th, 2020

Department of Statistics, of Middle East Technical University

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, "A NEW LIVESTREAM RETAIL ANALYTICS FRAMEWORK TO ASSESS THE SALES IMPACT OF EMOTIONAL DISPLAY"

Ankara, Turkey

May 27th, 2021

Workshop for "Technical Assistance for Improving the Detection Capacity of Turkish Customs Enforcement" European Union Project

MUSTAFA MURAT ARAT, "INTRODUCTION TO MACHINE LEARNING AND BASIC MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS"

Abant, Bolu, Turkey

Nov 12nd, 2021

COLLOQUIUMS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDEE

1. 8th International Statistics Students Colloquium, Izmir, Turkey, May 14 – 15, 2011.
2. The Joint Meeting of Young Business and Industrial Statisticians and Young Portuguese Statisticians, Lisbon, Portugal, July 23 – 26, 2012.
3. 9th International Statistics Days Symposium, Antalya, Turkey, May 10 – 14, 2014.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

GIS 2013: Genç İstatistikçiler Sempozyumu (Young Statisticians Symposium)

MEMBER OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- <http://www.gis2013.hacettepe.edu.tr>

Ankara, Turkey

September 10 – 11, 2013

AIK 2013: Araştırmacılar ve İstatistikçiler Konferansı (Researchers and Statisticians Conference)

MEMBER OF THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- <http://www.aik2013.hacettepe.edu.tr>

Ankara, Turkey

September 12 – 13, 2013

y-BIS 2013: Joint Meeting of Young Business and Industrial Statisticians, sponsored by ENBIS (European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics) and ISBIS (International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics)

MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- <http://ybis13.msgsu.edu.tr>

Istanbul, Turkey

September 19 – 21, 2013

y-BIS 2019: Joint Meeting of Young Business and Industrial Statisticians, sponsored by ENBIS (European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics) and ISBIS (International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics)

Istanbul, Turkey

MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

September 25 – 28, 2019

- <http://ybis2019.msgsu.edu.tr>

INTERNSHIPS

Turkish Statistical Institute

Ankara, Turkey

WWW.TURKSTAT.GOV.TR

August 9 – August 27, 2010

REVIEWS FOR

Applied Soft Computing

Impact Factor: 4.873

REVIEWER

- Imprint: ELSEVIER - <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/applied-soft-computing/>
- ISSN: 1568-4946
- Abstracting and Indexing: Science Citation Index Expanded, Scopus, CompuMath Citation Index, Current Contents/Engineering, Computing & Technology

Journal of Statisticians: Statistics and Actuarial Sciences

Impact Factor: NA

REVIEWER

- ISSN: 1308-0539 / 1308-0539
- Abstracting and Indexing: TR Index

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Turkish Statistical Association

Ankara, Turkey

ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF "THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS"

2012 – 2014

- <http://www.turkistatistik.org>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

European Network for Business and Industrial Statistics (ENBIS) member

Bernoulli Society for Mathematical Statistics and Probability member

Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS) member

International Society of Business and Industrial Statistics (ISBIS) member

International Society for Bayesian Analysis and its Industrial Statistics Section (ISBA) member

American Statistical Association (ASA) member

The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Science (INFORMS) member