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EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist

CollegeVine

- Sept 2020 Present
- First member of the CollegeVine data science team. Responsible for data science, data engineering, and MLOps infrastructure and best practices and owning all parts of the data scientific process.
- Devised and implemented an acceptance probability model used by hundreds of thousands of students every year to understand their chances at their favorite schools.
- Built a sequential testing toolkit to enable our team to run A/B tests more quickly without sacrificing statistical rigor.
- Created a recommender system to suggest new colleges to students. Additionally, used the recommender system to suggest "top candidates" to our college partners, driving leads and engagement.
- Built out a feature store, which has enabled our whole team to iterate more quickly, repeat less code, and perform BI tasks that were previously unfeasible.
- Set up and managed an MLFlow instance to dramatically improve data science developer experience (DX) at CollegeVine.
- Owned the deployment and monitoring of machine learning models in production, generally as REST APIs packaged up as Dockerized microservices and deployed on Heroku.

Open-Source R Developer

slackr, lightMLFlow,, & fitbitr

Oct 2020 - Present

- Current author and maintainer of slackr, an R package for connecting R to Slack with 250k+ downloads.
- Author and creator of lightMLFlow, a lightweight, user-friendly R wrapper for the MLFlow REST API.
- Author and creator of *fitbitr*, an R package that streamlines pulling Fitbit user data via the Fitbit API.
- Responsible for all aspects of package development and maintenance, including implementing new methods, improving
 error handling and messaging, writing unit tests, establishing and maintaining a CI/CD pipeline, writing descriptive documentation, helping users work through issues and bugs, reviewing PRs, and more.

Baseball Operations Fellow

Baltimore Orioles

- Mar 2020 Sept 2020
- Created a fully Bayesian, simulation-based projection system for MLB player performance over a six year time horizon
- Modeled free agent salaries with a gamma hurdle regression framework
- Devised a Markov Chain Monte Carlo approach to determining optimal shifts against opposing hitters
- Worked on a variety of day-to-day data science tasks related to game strategy and player evaluation

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Economics, Mathematics

Carleton College

Sept 2016 - Nov 2019

Choate Rosemary Hall

Sept 2013 - June 2016

SKILLS

Programming Languages:

R Python Shell Scripting SQL

Frameworks, Software, and Tools:

Airflow AWS CircleCI Docker

Git Github Actions Heroku

MLFlow {{plumber}} {{shiny}}

INTERESTS

Baseball analytics
Browsing r/AskReddit
Low and slow cooking
Distance running
Skiing chop and powder
Getting lost in fantasy novels
Solo traveling + hostel hopping
Nature & architecture photography