

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

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| PhD in Probabilistic Machine Learning in Healthcare Management Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK | <i>Oct 2024 — Present</i> |
| PhD in Probabilistic Machine Learning in Healthcare Management Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK | <i>Oct 2024 — Present</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recipient of WGSSS-ESRC Studentship Award• Project focused on enhancing discharge care coordination in healthcare and social care using a probabilistic data-driven modelling approach<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Supervisors: Prof Bahman Rostami-Tabar, Dr. Jeremy Dixon | |
| MSc in Financial Mathematics Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey | |
| <i>Oct 2017 — Aug 2021</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: Effects of Exchange Rate Volatility and Firm-Specific Features on the Rates of Returns of the Manufacturing Firms Listed in Borsa İstanbul: A CAPM Approach<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Statistical&Machine learning techniques used: Markov Switching GARCH Models, ARIMA, Panel Data Econometrics, Principal Component Analysis | |
| BSc in Business Administration Middle East Technical University, Turkey | |
| <i>Oct 2011 — Aug 2015</i> | |

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Reporting and Data Analytics Executive AKBANK (a leading bank in Turkey), Istanbul | <i>Jun 2022 — Sep 2024</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied time-series forecasting and machine learning techniques, including ARIMA, Bayesian Time Series, Prophet, ANN, LSTM, Random Forest, LightGBM and XGBoost, to historical data for making long-horizon forecasts of daily customer call volume. The best model achieved over 94% accuracy (1-MAPE) in forecasting all days of the next month.• Implemented machine learning models (e.g., XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost) to predict customer behavior with an over recall rate of 70% and an accuracy rate of 85%, enabling fewer customer complaints and increase sales by 14%.• Analyzing large amounts of data to identify trends and find patterns, signals and hidden stories within customer calls data.• Applied machine learning techniques (Z-score, IsolationForest) to detect anomalies.• Applied unsupervised machine learning techniques (DBSCAN, Gaussian mixture, K-means) to cluster customers.• Hyperparameter tuning for machine learning models using Hyperopt, Optuna and KerasTuner. | |

Research Associate

The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (Think Tank), Ankara
2024

Jan 2022 — Apr

- Determined areas of research to increase knowledge in the particular field.
- Utilizing inferential statistics such as hypothesis testing (e.g., t-test, ANOVA test, population proportion test), confidence intervals, correlation analysis and regression analysis to make inferences and draw conclusions about data.
- Developed statistical models (regression analysis, panel data modeling) for regional development projects to contribute to data-driven decisions.

Senior Process Development Analyst

ETI GIDA Inc (a major FMCG player in Turkey), Eskisehir

Jun 2019 — Jan 2022

- Interacted with internal customers to understand business needs and translate into requirements and project scope.
- Assessed the impact of current business processes on users and stakeholders and evaluated potential areas for improvement.
- Maintained strong working knowledge of ERP (SAP), CRM and business intelligence tools and operational features.

Internal Auditor Ankara, Turkey

Turk Telekom Inc. (the telecom giant of Turkey), Ankara

Nov 2015 — Jun 2019

- Performed strategic planning, execution and finalization of audits using data analytics and critical thinking skills.
- Investigated discrepancies discovered during the auditing process.
- Recommended new methods to improve internal controls and operating efficiency.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Data-driven decision making
- Machine learning
- Reinforcement learning and stochastic optimization in decision making
- Time series forecasting
- Probabilistic forecasting
- Conformal prediction for time series forecasting

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Expertise: Mathematical and Statistical Modeling, Machine Learning, Time Series Analysis and Forecasting, Stochastic Optimization and Reinforcement Learning, Statistical and Explanatory Data Analysis

Programming: Python, SQL

Reporting: Quarto, Advanced Excel, QlikView, SAS

Languages English (Fluent), Kurdish (Native), Turkish (Native)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Certification:
 - [Data Science: Machine Learning, HarvardX \(edX\)](#)
- Books (some of my go-to books):
 - Forecasting: Principles and Practice (Hyndman et al, 2021)
 - Introduction to Statistical Learning with Applications in R (Tibshirani et al, 2019)
 - The Elements of Statistical Learning (Tibshirani et al, 2008)
 - Probabilistic Machine Learning: An Introduction (Murphy, 2022)
 - Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction (Barto et al, 2018)
 - Reinforcement Learning and Stochastic Optimization (Powell, 2022)
 - Time Series Forecasting in Python (Peixero, 2022)
 - A Student’s Guide to Bayesian Statistics (Lambert, 2018)
 - Dive into deep learning (Zhang, 2022)

References

Available upon request