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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University | PhD in Statistics | Advisor: Aaditya Ramdas

May 2027

• GPA: 3.96/4.00 | Areas: forecasting nonstationary time series, causal discovery, variable selection, and deep learning

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | MS in Statistics

May 2022

• GPA: 3.95/4.00 | Awards: 2-year teaching assistantship with full tuition waiver and stipend

Fordham University | BS in Mathematics with Minors in Computer Science and Economics

May 2020

GPA: 3.77/4.00 | Awards: magna cum laude | GRE: 170/170 Quantitative, 163/170 Verbal, 4.5/6.0 Writing

DOCTORAL RESEARCH

Statistical Inference for Models of Complex Systems through Random Features | Cosma Shalizi

March 2024-Present

- Inferring parameters of analytically intractable models by matching summary statistics of simulated data and observed data
- Proving that 2d+1 random Fourier features of a high-dimensional process are sufficient to infer a d-dimensional parameter

Conditional Independence Testing for Nonstationary Time Series | Aaditya Ramdas | GitHub

Jan. 2023-Present

• Developed a test for detecting conditional dependencies in nonstationary time series via time-varying nonlinear regression

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

J.P. Morgan | Quantitative Research | Markets Summer Associate | Received Return Offer

June 2023-Aug. 2023

- Worked with macro index traders to develop a multi-period hedging optimization method for derivatives portfolios
- Collaborated with energy derivatives traders to improve the statistical methods used in a systematic trading strategy

J.P. Morgan | Quantitative Research | Markets Summer Associate | Received Return Offer

June 2022-Aug. 2022

Developed a conditional optimization method for the parameters of a trade execution algorithm using real-time tick data

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MIT Lincoln Lab | Interceptor and Sensor Technology Group | Summer Research Intern

May 2021-July 2021

Implemented signal processing methods for tracking objects in outer space and ran simulations to evaluate different methods

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Computer Science Department | Graduate Research Assistant Jan. 2021-May 2021

Discovered patterns in the cross-platform dynamics of posts on Twitter, Facebook, and Reddit using Hawkes processes

National Center for Supercomputing Applications | Great Lakes to Gulf | Graduate Research Assistant

Sept. 2020-May 2022

Built confidence bands for trends in concentrations and fluxes of chemicals to measure water quality changes across the US

COURSEWORK

- Statistics: Machine Learning, Time Series, Regression Analysis, Statistical Theory, Statistical Computing
- Computer Science: Algorithms, Data Structures, Operating Systems, Computer Architecture, Artificial Intelligence
- Math: Stochastic Calculus, Measure-Theoretic Probability, Numerical Analysis, Functional Analysis, Measure Theory,
 Interacting Particle Systems, Geometric Flows, Lie Groupoids and Algebroids, Abstract Algebra, Topology, Real Analysis

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS

• Option Pricing, Time Series, Financial Data Science, Advanced Data Analysis, MSCF Machine Learning Capstone Project

PROGRAMMING AND SOFTWARE

- Extensive experience with Python, R, SQL, and proficient in C++, q/kdb+
- Extensive experience with NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Tidyverse, Rcpp, AWS EC2, Slurm, Linux

POSTERS

• Conditional Independence Testing for Nonstationary Time Series - Poster at NBER-NSF Time Series Conference at UPenn