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PhD student at Edinburgh Centre for Robotics. My passion is solving meaningful problems in science, data analytics and education. I am ambitious, never pass on new learning opportunities, and try to apply myself with drive, enthusiasm and initiative at all times.

# Education & Qualifications \_



### MSc Data Science - University of Edinburgh, UK (Distinction)

September 2018 - Present

- Courses covered a range of practical and theoretical skills around data science, machine learning and scientific computing.
- Dissertation centred around Bayesian inference on white blood cell migration models using live imaging.



### BSc Physics - University of Durham, UK (1st Class)

**September 2014 – June 2018** 

• Covered a broad range of maths and physics including cosmology, quantum mechanics and laboratory work.



#### Year Abroad - National University of Singapore, Singapore

August 2016 - May 2017

• Modules included financial mathematics, probability & statistics, computational physics, programming in C.

## Abingdon School, UK

September 2009 – June 2014

• A levels: Maths – A\*. Further Maths – A\*. Physics – A. Economics – A. GCSEs: 9 A\*s, 2 As.

# $\_$ Relevant Experience $\_$

#### Mentor and Project Coordinator, The DataKirk, Scotland

September 2019 – Present

The DataKirk is a community-based non-profit organisation aiming to empower young people by equipping them with skills for the data age, focused on coding, data analysis and data visualisation. I take an active role in both teaching and administration.

- Write and coordinate two separate curricula.
- Help to organise events and handle administrative tasks.
- → Developed discipline, organisation and time management. Built the ability to communicate information concisely and effectively.

# Data Science Intern, StatusToday, UK

April – September 2018

StatusToday is a leading HR-tech startup providing AI-powered wellness and productivity insights for employees and managers. I worked in the data science team of four people where we developed the python back-end, built new insights and designed data visualisations. Some of my key responsibilities were:

- Creating a time-series "email overload" metric, as a predictor of employee burnout.
- Using object-oriented design patterns to build new back-end features. Debugging and optimising existing code.
- $\rightarrow$  Technologies: Python (Scientific stack, OOP), Spark, MongoDB, Linux.
- → Outcomes: Worked on live, production-grade code in a real data science environment. Developed technical and professional skills.

## Quant/Data Science Intern, Smartfolios, Singapore

April - July 2017

Smartfolios is a digital advisory and wealth management platform offering users algorithmically rebalanced, thematic equity portfolios. During my time the company was taking part in a three-month fintech accelerator programme StartupBootCamp. My role largely involved researching and implementing portfolio optimisation strategies.

- Built Singapore's first robo-advisor using CVaR optimisation. Was licensed for use by Singapore-based Marvelstone Capital.
- Built a model for scenario projection by approximating the solution to a set of stochastic differential equations.
- → Technologies: Python (Scientific stack), Quantopian/Zipline, SQL.
- $\rightarrow$  Outcomes: Developed research and coding skills, developed professional confidence.

# Equities Intern, AIMS Asset Management, Malaysia

July - August 2016

Worked within the Panah Fund of AIMS, an Asian markets equity long/short hedge fund group.

- Created VBA application to pull and visualise macroeconomic data in order to compare and analyse global trends.
- Worked on an error analysis model for determining fair market capitalisation and associated uncertainty.
- $\rightarrow$  Technologies: VBA for Excel, Bloomberg terminal + API.
- → Outcomes: Gained hands-on programming experience and worked as part of a team in a high-pressure environment

# Skills\_

- Proficient in object-oriented Python. Good knowledge of all common scientific packages, plus pymongo, pyspark and several deep learning frameworks.
- Working knowledge of Java, Matlab, VBA, C.
- Experience working with remote databases and servers.
- Linear algebra, calculus, probability, machine learning.
- Basic web design in HTML, CSS, JavaScript.
- Ability to perform under pressure, cope with large work-

loads and consistently meet deadlines.

• Good inter-personal communication skills, enthusiasm, tact & diplomacy and sense of humour.

#### Interests

- Competing and coaching at college rowing club.
- University debating.
- Maintaining maths/programming blog. Find it here.
- Self-improvement and mindfulness meditation.