Nathan E. Mirman

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EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
PhD & MS Experimental Particle Physics

2010 - 2017

University of Minnesota, Minnesota, Minnesota

2006 - 2010

BS Physics & Mathematics

EXPERIENCE

Insight Data Science, New York, New York Fellow

Sept 2017 - present

- Consulted for the *Covetly* mobile marketplace to develop a recommender system for collectibles.
- Employed a collaborative filtering algorithm with a cosine similarity metric to generate personalized recommendations for Covetly users.
- Performed cross validation to demonstrate a 5x improvement in recommendation precision over previous non-personalized approaches.
- Developed a web application using Flask and AWS. Employed MongoDB and PostgreSQL to obtain and store Covetly user data. Further details at <u>collectorizer.nathanmirman.com</u>.

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Sept 2010 - Jan 2017

Graduate Research Assistant

- Worked in a collaboration with 3500+ members at the Large Hadron Collider (CERN).
- Led a research program in fundamental physics measurements and developed analysis tools for identifying rare phenomena in petabyte-scale datasets.
- \bullet Leveraged statistical modeling, parameter determination, and Gaussian process regression techniques to drive a 25% improvement in measurement precision.
- Contributed to large C++ code databases, and utilized the WLCG distributed computing grid.
- Served as contact person for a key collaboration analysis group. Provided data analysis recommendations for more than 50 ongoing analyses, reviewed analysis documents and preliminary results, and contributed to projections of future performance.
- Contributed to one first-author, and two co-author publications. Gave talks and poster research presentations at major international conferences, workshops, and university seminars.

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Sept 2010 – Dec 2011

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Led discussion sections for courses on Mechanics, Electromagnetism, and Special Relativity.
- Engaged with over 150 engineering and physics students through weekly office hours, discussions, and quizzes.
- Contributed to a particle physics research camp for undergraduates. Prepared lectures on research best practices, and mentored students in their research projects.

SKILLS

Analysis: Statistical inference and modeling, data mining, hypothesis testing, parameter determination, maximum likelihood estimation, optimization, Fisher information.

Machine Learning: Regression analysis, Gaussian processes, recommender systems, collaborative filtering, gradient boosted decision trees.

Programming: Python, C/C++, SQL, No-SQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, NumPy, Pandas, scikit-learn, Flask, jekyll, AWS.

Spoken Languages: English, Russian.