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EMPLOYMENT

Data Science Associate Pew Research Center 2017 - Present

Data Labs

- Led a team of 4 in a research project from the initial idea generation to the design of back-end infrastructure and data analysis. Trained and deployed a neural network model to more than 100K images using Transfer Learning. Python/R/Django/AWS.
- Conceptualized and developed a geodatabase that allows researchers to study how attitudes of survey respondents
 overlay with geographic components.
- Authored and coauthored blog posts that aim to introduce data science/programming to social scientists
 https://medium.com/pew-research-center-decoded
- Collaborated with subject teams to develop joint research projects.
- Organized and presented in Brownbag to introduce data science to Center-wide audience to complement their survey work.

Fellow Data Science for Social Good 2016

- Built a machine learning prediction model to predict students at risk of interacting with the juvenile criminal justice, and identify key risk factors.
- Contributed end-to-end data pipeline that include data cleaning, ETL process, model training, deployment and inference. Model performs 87% better than the baseline in identifying students at risk. Python/SQL/Command Line Tools

Teaching Assistant UC San Diego 2012 - 2017

 Served as a teaching assistant for 11 undergraduate courses, primarily on introductory and intermediate microeconomics sequences

Analyst BlackRock 2008-2010

Solutions Center

- Supported external users of BlackRock's risk management software enterprise system. Specific tasks included writing SQL queries to identify trades that were booked, provided software training to external users.
- Worked with Relationship Management group to support sales and implementation for clients

Engineering Intern Intel 2006

Manufacturing Engineering Group

• Developed metrics to measure equipment and factory capacity and output, identified run rate improvement projects, established accident prevention measures and planned training programs for personnel

RESEARCH

Pew Reports

- Gender and Jobs in Online Image Search Pew Research Center (with Stefan Wojcik, Brian Broderick and Adam Hughes)
- · Covered by: MarketWatch, The Washington Post, Mother Jones

Academic

- Advertisers Capture: Evidence from Hong Kong (Submitted) Covered By: Marginal Revolution
- Initiate and finish project from beginning to end Code in R to construct a measure of political polarization on the newspaper articles
- Code in python to scrape news articles, clean and extract useful information, run multinomial logistic regressions to estimate and calculate the financial loss that a pro-Democracy newspaper suffered

- Measuring Subjectivity in History Textbooks (Submitted) Covered By: BBC
- Write Python scripts to clean the text, count adjectives, calculate the ratio of positive to negative words and employ word embedding (word2vec)

OTHER PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCES

Quantitative Researcher

UC San Diego

Dec 2016-Apr 2017

• Built a machine learning prediction model to identify factors leading to academic success using data from local high schools

Statistical Consultant Wisers Jan 2017-Feb 2017

• Guide the construction of a social media sentiment index on political candidates in Hong Kong

Instructor and Organizer

UC San Diego

Nov 2016

• Taught two machine learning workshops to economics PhD students that covered basic concepts and different classification algorithm, and application using sklearn

EDUCATION

- UC San Diego: PhD in Economics, May 2017
- University of Tokyo: Masters in Public Policy, Apr 2012
- UC Berkeley: BEng in Industrial Engineering, Dec 2007

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- Programming: Python, R, SQL, Django.
- Data Science: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Machine Vision, Natural Language Processing
- Language English, Chinese, Japanese.