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## EDUCATION

## New York University Abu Dhabi

B.S. Mathematics, Computer Science (Cum Laude) - GPA: 3.89/4.00

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Aug 2016 - May 2020

Coursework: Machine Learning, Algorithmic Foundations of Data Science, Visual Analytics, Probability and Statistics, Advanced Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Software Engineering, Computational Social Science, Operating Systems

#### SKILLS

- Languages: Python, R, JavaScript, C, C++, Java, Mathematica, SQL
- Libraries/Tools: SciPy, Numpy, Pandas, Sklearn, Keras, Spark, D3, Bokeh, Tableau, Flask, Shiny, Git, Bash, Linux, LATEX

# WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Statistical Mechanics Models and Simulations Research

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Mathematics Department at NYU Abu Dhabi

Sept 2019 - July 2020

- $\circ \ \ Proposed \ and \ studied \ a \ generalization \ of \ the \ Potts \ model \ with \ a \ penalty \ term \ on \ the \ number \ of \ colors \ in \ configurations.$
- o Devised and implemented Markov-Chain Monte Carlo simulations by generalizing the Swendsen-Wang algorithm.
- o Analyzed the model's properties analytically, finding its infinite phase transitions using the theory of random partitions.

# Data Science Internship

Dubai, UAE

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June 2019 - Aug 2019

- o Developed and incorporated an interpretability module for machine learning models processing over 800 million data points across more than 220 schools in over 10 countries.
- o Developed model agnostic interpretability algorithms (local feature importance and counterfactual explanations).
- o Integrated the Python and R back-end for the analytics app, allowing seamless use of models developed in both languages.

## Machine Learning Explainability and Visualization Research

New York, USA

Visualization and Data Analytics Lab at NYU Tandon School of Engineering

June 2018 - Aug 2018

- o Trained SVMs, Random Forests, and Neural Networks to predict customer credit risk from a FICO home credit dataset.
- Generated instance explanations for the models based on feature importance and counterfactuals.
- $\circ~$  Developed global explanations as interactive visualizations of clusters of individual instances.

#### Machine Learning for Musical Analysis Research

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Music and Sound Cultures Group at NYU Abu Dhabi

Feb 2017 - May 2018

- Led the computational analysis for an Arab/African music collection with more than 5000 songs.
- Performed dimensionality reduction with deep autoencoders on the spectrogram of the audio and the extracted MFCCs.
- Developed an interactive webapp to explore musical similarity by using k-means clustering and t-SNE embedding, and provided insight to create a Virtual Reality rendering of the similarity space.

## Projects

- FICO Explainable Machine Learning Challenge (2nd Place Winner): Webapp with global and local explanations for an SVM predicting customer credit risk. Tech: Python, JS, D3, Flask, Sklearn.
- ViCE (Open source Python library): Greedy computations and interactive visualizations of counterfactual explanations for machine learning models. Tech: Python, JS, D3, Flask, Sklearn.
- TaskJam (2nd Place Winner NYUAD International Hackathon 2020): App to motivate and connect people in lockdown with similar tasks during the COVID pandemic. Tech: Python, Flask, MongoDB.
- Can success in International Science Olympiads predict future scientific impact?: Computational Science final project. Scraped and analyzed data from five international olympiads. Tech: Pandas, BeautifulSoup, Bokeh, Seaborn.

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ViCE: Visual Counterfactual Explanations for Machine Learning Models. Oscar Gomez, Steffen Holter, Jun Yuan and Enrico Bertini. ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI 2020).
- Exploring Music Collections: An Interactive, Dimensionality Reduction Approach to Visualizing Songbanks.

  Oscar Gomez, Kaustuv Kanti Ganguli, Leonid Kuzmenko and Carlos Guedes. ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI 2020). Demo paper.

#### Honors and Awards

• Full Scholarship: New York University Abu Dhabi

2016-2020

 $\bullet$  Honorable Mention: Al-Khwarizmi International Mathematical Competition

Oct 2018

• Best Admission Score (Nationally): Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Apr~2016

• Honorable Mention/Bronze/Silver: International/Iberoamerican/Centroamerican Math Olympiads 2014-2016 LEADERSHIP

#### President, NYU Abu Dhabi Mathematics Club

Abu Dhabi, UAE

Led weekly training sessions, coordinated events and guest talks with the department.

Jan 2017 - Dec 2018