Oscar Alejandro Gomez Quintero

② oscargomezq.github.io

github.com/oscargomezq

□ +971 543042253 ✓ oscar.gomez@nyu.edu in linkedin.com/in/oscar-gomezq

EDUCATION

New York University Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi, UAE

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

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, RShiny, 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, proving its infinite phase transitions using the theory of random partitions.

Data Science Internship

Dubai, UAE

nexquare

June 2019 - Aug 2019

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 10,000 songs.
- $\circ~$ Performed dimensionality reduction with deep autoencoders on the spectrogram of the audio and the extracted MFCCs.
- $\circ\,$ Developed an interactive we bapp to explore musical similarity by using k-means clustering and t-SNE embedding, and provided in sight to create a Virtual Reality rendering of the similarity space.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- FICO Explainable Machine Learning Challenge (2nd Place Winner): Webapp with global and local explanations for machine learning models predicting customer credit risk. Tech: Python, JS, D3, Flask, Sklearn.
- ViCE (Open source Python library): 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

• 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