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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

Aug 2024 - Dec 2025 (Expected)

Master of Science, Business Analytics

• Relevant courses: SQL and ETL, Data Visualization, Web Mining and Recommendation Systems, Customer Analytics, Analyzing Unstructured Data (NLP), Data Mining, Data Structure, Statistics

Southwest Jiaotong University

Sep 2020 - Jun 2024

Bachelor of Management, Information Management and Information System

• Relevant courses: Database Application, System Analysis and Design, Operations Research, Project Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Analyst Intern

Chengdu, China

Kuaishou Technology (Leading short video platform with 700M+ global users)

Oct 2023 - Jan 2024

- Performed in-depth analysis of the Christmas campaign for sales and marketing teams using SQL and Python (pandas, NumPy); examined influencer engagement trends, audience demographics, and conversion funnel performance across short videos and live streams. Identified high-converting creators, optimal posting times, and content formats, leading to refined targeting strategies that drove an 8% increase in conversion rates for the New Year campaign.
- Redesigned and enhanced **Tableau dashboards** to improve usability and clarity for campaign tracking; integrated new visualizations and KPIs to better monitor influencer performance and operational trends. Automated data pipelines and optimized dashboard performance, reducing load times and ensuring real-time reporting accuracy.
- Investigated the exceptional revenue growth in another region by conducting **root cause analysis** (RCA) using SQL and Excel; identified key revenue drivers and best practices contributing to the surge. Provided insights and strategic recommendations that informed resource allocation and promotional adjustments, contributing to a 12% increase in regional **Gross Merchandise Value** (GMV), a key metric representing total sales revenue before deductions like discounts and returns.
- Conducted A/B testing on different discount levels for in-app group-buying deals; analyzed user engagement, click-through rates, and conversion rates to assess campaign effectiveness. Provided data-driven recommendations that led to a 25% increase in click-through rates and a 10% improvement in conversion rates.

Data Analyst Intern

Chengdu, China

Hongming Electronics Technology

Feb 2024 - Jun 2024

- Configured and optimized ETL jobs using Python and SQL to integrate sales and ad context data from PostgreSQL into Power BI dashboards, automating reporting processes and enhancing data accessibility.
- Developed an **XGBoost predictive model** to forecast ad conversion rates, improving prediction accuracy by 10%; categorized users based on conversion likelihood, enabling audience segmentation for more effective ad targeting, which resulted in a 15% increase in conversion rates.
- Designed and optimized **Power BI** dashboards to track ad performance, cost per conversion, and marketing ROI, providing actionable insights for data-driven budget allocation and campaign optimization.

Customer Service Intern

Chengdu, China

China Construction Bank

Jul 2023 - Sep 2023

- Analyzed customer flow data using SQL and Excel to identify peak-hour congestion and queue bottlenecks; provided
 insights that supported staffing schedule adjustments and counter allocation improvements, leading to an average 10%
 reduction in customer waiting times across participating branches.
- Developed automated **Power BI** dashboards to monitor customer service KPIs, streamlining real-time reporting for branch managers and improving operational review processes.
- Segmented customers based on transaction behaviors and service request history, identifying high-value clients and enabling targeted engagement strategies, leading to a 17% increase in customer satisfaction.

SKILLS

Programming: SQL (SQL Server, PostgreSQL), Python (Numpy, Pandas, Sklearn, NLTK), R

Toolkits: Power BI, Tableau, MS Excel (Pivot Tables, LOOKUPs, Power Query), AWS, Snowflake

Machine Learning & Statistics: Linear Regression, Logistic Regression, Clustering, Classification (KNN, Random Forest,

XGBoost), A/B Testing, Statistical Analysis