# Mesut Şafak BİLİCİ

## **EDUCATION**

- Yıldız Technical University: 2017 2022
  - Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
  - Grade Point Average: 3.41

#### Work & Research Experience

- Data Science Intern at Scoutium: 07/2020 09/2020
  - Integrated data processing scripts for football analytics with Python.
  - Created a flexible Python package for REST API integration with AWS S3 pipeline.
  - Big data management with MySQL and AWS Environments.
- Researcher at NOVA Lab.: 12/2020 ...
  - Research lab under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Fatih Amasyali.
  - Developed text augmentation technique based on Variational Autoencoder GRU for low resource languages like Turkish.

#### VOLUNTEER

- Lecturer at SkyLab and Data Science Community at Yildiz Technical University:
  - Introduction To Machine Learning, 02/2020 03/2020
  - Introduction To Deep Learning, 10/2020 11/2020
- Founder & Researcher at Sky Lab AI Research: 03/2020 ...
  - Conducting scientific research, projects and lectures under a student's club.
- Deep Learning Study Group Guide at inzva:
  - Guidance for 2 weeks of 12-weeks-long advanced Deep Learning study group.
    Covered topics: word embeddings, sequential models, neural machine translation.

#### **PROJECTS**

- Academic Paper Title Recommender: Supervised text summarization /title generation based on academic paper abstracts, with sequence to sequence LSTM and T5.
- Variational Text Augmentation For Low Resource Languages: A novel data augmentation method for Turkish language with GRU-Variational Autoencoders, to improve pre-training and fine-tuning masked language model performance.
- Retinal Vessel Segmentation with Excessive Data Augmentation: Optimal data augmentation methods for Retinal Vessel Segmentation using U-Net architecture with DRIVE and STARE datasets.

#### SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- Software: Python, C/C++, R, Java, Haskell, Shell, Tableau.
- Database: MySQL, PostgreSQL, PL/pgSQL.
- Cloud Services: AWS S3, AWS Athena.
- Soft Skills: Teamwork, Problem-Solving, Analytical Thinking, Communication.

### Interests

- Academic and Professional: Natural Language Processing, Data Science, Machine Learning, Data Engineering Bayesian Machine Learning.
- **Personal:** I am a piano player and Classical Music composer. I have 2 solo albums and 1 album with my Progressive Rock ex-band.



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