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SUMMARY

Data Scientist with a masters degree in electrical & computer engineering, and +4 years of experience in software industry, data analytics, modeling, and building end-to-end machine learning web applications.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python(Pandas, NumPy, Seaborn, SciKit-Learn, TensorFlow, Keras, NLTK, Matplotlib), JavaScript, SQL, Bash, JSON, XML, HTML, C++, Matlab
Tools: Git, Linux, API's, Flask, Django, Docker, AWS(EC2, S3, EBS, Aurora, ELB, IAM), Heroku, Kubernetes, Tableau, Relational & Non-Relational Databases (Oracle, MySQL, Elastic Search), Jira, Jupiter Notebook, VS Code, OpenCV
Skills: Object Oriented Programming, Version Control, Exploratory Data Analysis, Data Wrangling/Cleaning/Visualization, Feature Engineering, Model Testing/Validation, Deep Learning, NLP, Recommender Systems, Distributed Systems, Web Scraping, Statistical Modeling, State Estimation, Predictive Analytics, Computer Vision, Object Tracking, Scrum master

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Software Engineer (Project) - Evertz Microsystems Ltd., Burlington, ON May2018-Current

- Designing and installing end-to-end disturbed Linux based systems in AWS using EC2, S3, Elastic Load Balancer, and Aurora, where repetitive tasks are automated with custom scripts in Python, JavaScript, and SQL. The system runs a MariaDB cluster with SaltStack and Elastic Search. The software enables media asset management for customers such as NBC Universal, AMC, and Corus Entertainment.
- Running daily scrum calls and communicating directly with customers to deliver the systems to an agreed specification in an Agile environment.
- Learning new technologies and translating them into practical use while utilizing fault finding skills to resolve problems.

Research Assistant - ETF (Estimation-Tracking-Fusion) Research Lab - McMaster University, Hamilton, ON Sep2015-Oct2017

- Developed and implemented Bayesian Machine Learning algorithms for estimation, tracking and fusion purposes with application to autonomous vehicles.
- Designed and implemented computationally efficient algorithms for processing data collected from a car-mounted camera to estimate its 3D position robustly and in real-time manner. [EKF and IMM estimators, OpenCV, C++, Matlab].

Teaching Assistant - McMaster University, Hamilton, ON Sep2015-April2017

- Supervised and evaluated lab projects for the following courses:
 - Principles of Programming in C++
 - Signals and Systems
 - Communication Systems

Research Intern - Digital Communication Lab - Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran June2014-Sep2014

- Implemented and developed different digital communication modulation and coding for speech and image [Matlab].

PROJECTS

- TweetDetective [Python, Twitter API, HTML, NLP, Flask, Docker, AWS]
An end-to-end web application using Flask, Docker, and Elastic Beanstalk by scraping tweets and providing in-depth insights about specific businesses that could save the business owners hours of tweets reading and analyses. [http://tweetdetective.ebahmcmwv.us-east-2.elasticbeanstalk.com]
- LendingClub [Python, Neural Network, Keras, TensorFlow, Tensorboard]
Implemented a Deep Learning model using Keras and Tensorboard to predict future customers' behavior from historical financial data, achieving an error rate of 8%.
- Movies Recommender Systems [Python, Collaborating Filtering, Cosine Similarity, SVD]
Implemented Memory-Based CF and Model-Based CF to create a Recommender System for the famous MovieLens dataset.
- Cancer Diagnosis [Python, Pandas, Numpy, Regression, PCA]
Created a regression algorithm to predict breast cancer.To overcome the challenge of dealing with 40 variables, the PCA method for dimensionality reduction and hyper parameters tuning are utilized.

EDUCATION

M.A.Sc., Electrical & Computer Engineering - McMaster University, Hamilton, ON 2015-2017

Thesis: "A Novel Filtering Approach in Visual Odometry for Autonomous Ground Vehicles Application"

Relevant Courses: •Algorithm Parameters and State Estimation •Matrix Computation in Signal Processing
•Engineering Optimization •Probability and Random Process •Tracking and Sensor Fusion

HONORS: •Recipient of full scholarship for M.A.Sc •International Excellence Award

B.Sc., Electrical Engineering - Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran 2011-2015

Thesis: "On the Use of the Stockwell Transform for Image Compression"

Relevant Courses: •Signal and Image Processing •Digital Communication •C++ Programming

HONORS: •Recipient of full scholarship for B.Sc