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SUMMARY

Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Science Associate with a Master's degree in Data Science and working experience in the technology and business industry. Possess working knowledge of Python, RStudio, SQL (MySQL, SQLite & Big Query), Tableau, Microsoft, Power BI and TensorFlow. Leveraged advanced machine learning models and statistical techniques to enhance operational efficiency, improve model accuracy, and inform strategic decision-making. Up-and-coming tech blog writer on Medium, where I teach how to perform various data science tasks.

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python (Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Statsmodels, PyMC3, BeautifulSoup, Jupyter, NLTK), R
- Analytical and Data Visualisation Tools: Tableau, Microsoft Excel, SQL (MySQL, SQLite & Big Query)
- Machine Learning & Deep Learning Frameworks: Keras, TensorFlow
- **Econometrics & Statistical Modeling:** Causal Inference techniques, Demand Systems Modeling, Elasticity estimation
- Experimental Design: A/B testing, Design of Experiments (DOE), time series forecasting
- Soft Skills: Collaboration, Communication, Time Management, Agile Methodologies, Continuous Learning, Problem Solving

CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

MICROSOFT CERTIFIED: AZURE DATA SCIENCE ASSOCIATE, MAY 2024

• Leverage Azure cloud technologies in scaling data science workflows, not limited to, building and deploying machine learning modules, managing data pipelines & conducting predictive analysis.

ACCENTURE DATA ANALYTICS & VISUALISATION JOB SIMULATION, FEBRUARY 2024; Forage

- Cleaned, modeled, and analyzed seven datasets, each of 1,000 datapoints, to uncover content trends and inform strategic decisions, ensuring data integrity and accuracy.
- Prepared a detailed PowerPoint deck and an engaging video presentation to clearly communicate key insights and recommendations to both the client and internal stakeholders.
- Utilized advanced data visualization techniques (Matplotlib & Python) to create clear and compelling visual representations of data.

BRITISH AIRWAYS DATA SCIENCE JOB SIMULATION, JANUARY 2024; Forage

- Analyzed airline customer reviews data using ethical web scraping techniques (python & BeautifulSoup) to gather comprehensive and representative datasets.
- Built a natural language processing (NLP) predictive model using python and NLTK to understand factors influencing customer buying behavior, identifying key determinants and trends.
- Generated actionable insights from customer reviews to inform British Airways' marketing and customer service strategies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

FREELANCER.COM MAY 2023 - PRESENT

FREELANCE DATA SCIENTIST

Responsibilities

- Gather, clean, and preprocess large datasets from various sources, ensuring data quality and consistency for analysis and model building.
- Conduct exploratory data analysis (EDA) using statistical methods to identify patterns, trends, and insights
- Build, test, and deploy machine learning models using techniques such as regression, classification, clustering, and natural language processing (NLP)
- Implement predictive models and algorithms to forecast business metrics and support decision-making
- Create clear and compelling data visualizations using tools like Tableau, Power BI, or Matplotlib to communicate findings to stakeholders effectively.
- Design and execute A/B tests to measure the impact of business changes and optimize strategies based on experimental results.
- Utilize big data tools and platforms such as Spark and Azure to process and analyze large datasets efficiently.
- Deploy models into cloud environments, monitor their performance, and make iterative improvements to ensure seamless integration and enhance accuracy
- Conduct causal inference analysis to measure the impact of marketing and operational changes on client business.

Achievements

- Developed and deployed a time series forecasting model with Azure Machine Learning for an insect farming startup providing it with precise data-centric predictions for production sales over a 24 month horizon.
- Created an XGBoost ensemble machine learning algorithm with 83% accuracy to predict customer churn for a beauty and haircare business, allowing it to proactively address customer retention and refine its marketing strategies.

OUTLIER.AI SEPTEMBER 2024 - MARCH 2025

MACHINE LEARNING EXPERT

Responsibilities

- Actively contributed to the development of Generative AI by ranking and reviewing prompt responses, enhancing model accuracy and relevance.
- Assessed AI-generated audio and text responses for language models, evaluating accuracy, functionality, and adherence to best practices to improve model performance and user experience.
- Provided detailed feedback on AI model outputs to drive continuous improvement

EL-PARAH CONSULT LIMITED APRIL 2019 - JANUARY 2020

PROJECT MANAGER

Responsibilities

- Conducted ongoing analysis of market trends and competitor strategies to provide clients with a broader perspective and deeper context for research findings
- Managed project budgets effectively by monitoring expenses and optimizing resource allocation to meet financial goals.
- Worked closely with clients and cross-functional teams to understand research objectives, refine project scopes, and ensure alignment with business goals
- Developed comprehensive project plans, set timelines, and managed all phases of market research projects, from inception to final deliverables, ensuring timely and within-budget completion.
- Directed data collection activities and utilized SPSS to interpret findings, ensuring data accuracy and meaningful insights.

Achievements

 Designed and implemented a workflow system that improved project turnaround times by 20%, enhancing efficiency and client satisfaction.

PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

OPTIVER STOCK PRICE PREDICTION COMPETITION, DECEMBER 2023; Freelance

- Competed in a high-profile Kaggle competition organized by Optiver, aimed at predicting closing price movements of stocks in NASDAQ for a chance to win a \$25,000 cash prize.
- Developed a Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) deep learning algorithm tailored to predict stock price movements, leveraging time series data and complex neural network architectures.
- Conducted extensive data preprocessing to ensure the accuracy and quality of the input data, including handling missing values, normalization, and feature engineering.
- Trained and evaluated the LSTM model using historical stock price data, optimizing hyperparameters and employing regularization techniques to prevent overfitting and improve predictive performance.

EDUCATION

MSc Data Science (Achieved Distinction), March 2023; University of Essex, United Kingdom

• **Relevant Modules:** Applied Statistics, Modelling Experimental Data, Data Visualisation, Research Methods, Machine Learning, Neural Networks & Deep Learning, Combinatorial Optimisation

BSC BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (ACHIEVED SECOND CLASS HONORS), JUNE 2017; Ashesi University, Ghana

Relevant Models: Statistics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics