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Education

2016 - 2019 M.S. in Complex Adaptive Systems - Chalmers University of Technology

Gothenburg, Selected Coursework: Neural Networks, Stochastic Optimization, Information Theory, Dynamical Systems.

Sweden

Fall 2017 Exchange Studies - Dongguk University

Seoul, Selected Coursework: Multiple View Geometry, Deep Learning.

South Korea

2013 - 2016 Electrical Engineering - Lund University

Lund, Selected Coursework: Multivariable Calculus, Control Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Numerical Analysis.

Sweden

Experience

2022- Senior Data Scientist - Avida Finance

Stockholm, Sweden As Avida's foremost technical expert on data-driven models, my responsibilities include:

- Planning all data science tasks in alignment with Avida's goals and leading the team in executing the tasks.
- Developing, implementing, deploying, monitoring and documenting Avida's data-driven models, including scorecards and models for IFRS9.
- Presenting models to non-technical forums including CXOs for executive decisions on deployment.
- Creating formal frameworks around model governance (guiding the company's practices for model development, implementation, monitoring, documentation).
- Designing, developing and implementing technical solutions for live model monitoring to continuously
 evaluate relevance and quality.

2019-2022 Bioinformatician - University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

- Long-term data science work on multiple biomedical projects (60+ datasets for 20+ different projects, typically juggling 3-7 projects at a time), with multiple weekly deliverables.
- Machine learning and statistics on terabyte-scale datasets, using a broad mix of techniques and tools.
- Developed R package ClustAssess from scratch, which I continue to maintain.
- Involved in entire recruitment pipeline, from designing technical skills test, to selecting candidates for interviews, interviewing and final recruitment decisions.
- Teaching machine learning to PhD students and postdocs at Institute.

Teaching and Mentorship

Teaching

- Developing curriculum and training materials for single-cell data analysis course in Cambridge (2022).
- Intro to Machine Learning Lecturing for PhD students and postdocs in Cambridge (2021), and separately for industry professionals (2022).
- Teaching coding to classes of children and developing teaching materials and curriculum at Kodcentrum (2018-2019).

Mentorship

- Coached Computer Science M.Sc. student through 6-month Cambridge internship with weekly 1-on-1s. Advised and assisted the intern to contribute to open-source software and co-author scientific publication (2021). The person went on to join the group as a full-time employee.
- Onboarded junior group members in Cambridge and created code, documentation, pipelines and workflows to reduce their time-to-productivity.

Skills and Development

- **Programming Environments:** Python (Optimization example),
 R (Clustering evaluation package, Random Forest feature selection example),
 Julia (Outlier detection example, Optimization example), MATLAB, C++, Bash, SQL, MFX, Arduino.
- Computing Tools: SLURM, git, Jupyter Notebook (Example), R Markdown (Example).
- Software Packages: ClustAssess developed from scratch, currently package maintainer Github, Example, Documentation.
- Scientific Publications: 4 papers on biomedical data science.
- Professional Courses: Python for Bioimage Analysis week-long course by the Royal Microscopical Society.
- Self-Studied Books and Courses: Intermediate Linear Algebra, Computational Linear Algebra, Real Analysis, Combinatorics & Graph Theory, Reinforcement Learning.
- Webpage: sharash.github.io