Zachary K. Smith

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Links

- smthzch.github.io
- EvoPolicy: fun alt-RL package
- Relative Space Case: embedded programming GPS/accelerometer
- ABODER: Open sourced Bayesian Optimal Experimental Design package
- Markov Madness: Deployed Cloud Run App slow cold start

Experience

Data Scientist

Aclima | Remote | January 2023 - Present

- Develop and deploy gas leak localization models
- Develop spatio-temporal models for air quality prediction using sparse GPs and deep learning
- Refactor vehicle route planning code into modular package for ease of expansion/testing
- Define and implement proper cross-validation scheme for flagship spatio-temporal model

Data Scientist

NCX | Remote | April 2021 - November 2022

- Build deep learning and probabilistic models to predict forest carbon using satellite imagery
- Process large scale geospatial vector and raster datasets
- Create Bayesian Optimal Experimental Design package to target field data collection
- Implement Multi GPU training on AWS clusters

Data Scientist / Research Engineer

Aptima Inc. | Fairborn, OH | November 2018 - April 2021

- Develop particle filter based interior localization algorithm for iOS app
- Develop POMDP algorithms for adaptive training systems and agent based simulations
- Create predictive and anomaly detection algorithms for automated alert systems
- Develop Bluetooth/MQTT/Arduino based cognitive load measurement device

Associate Computational Biologist

UES Inc. | WPAFB, OH | June 2017 - November 2018

Analyze high dimensional datasets for biomarker discovery of human physiological state

- High throughput sequencing analysis
- Provide statistical consultation and data analysis throughout the course of studies

Hydrology Technician

Miami Conservancy District | Dayton, Ohio | October 2012 - June 2017

- Create desktop / web / mobile applications for the collection, formatting, and uploading of field data including the server and database processes. (C#, Android/Java)
- Lead project development of web/map based data access applications for the public. (C#, Javascript)
- http://apps.mcdwater.org/waterapps/wellnetwork

Education

M.S. Applied Statistics

Wright State University | Dayton, Ohio | December 2018

B.S. Earth Science, Minor Soil Science

California Polytechnic State University | San Luis Obispo, California | June 2012

Certificates

Data Structures by University of California, San Diego & Higher School of Economics on Coursera. April 7, 2017

Algorithmic Toolbox by University of California, San Diego & Higher School of Economics on Coursera. January 7, 2017

Patents, Papers, and Presentations

US11481904B1: Automated determination of tree inventories in ecological regions using probabilistic analysis of overhead images (2022)

- J. Beaubien, E. Oster, Z. Smith, V. Kypraios "Teaming Artificial Intelligence with Digital Twins to Improve Training Effectiveness" I/ITSEC Conference Paper (2020)
- S. Cole, K. Beabout, K. Turner, Z. Smith, et al. "Quantification of Interlaboratory Cell-free Protein Synthesis Variability". ACS synthetic biology (2019)
- S. Harshman, R. Pitsch, N. Schaeublin, Z. Smith, et al. "Metabolomic stability of exercise-induced sweat". Journal of Chromatography B (2019)
- J. Martin, S. Harshman, R. Pitsch, Z. Smith, et al. "Characterization of a Standard Breath Sampling Device for Off-Line Field Use". Journal of Breath Research (2019)
- S. Harshman, R. Pitsch, Z. Smith, et al. "The proteomic and metabolomic characterization of exercise-induced sweat for human performance monitoring: A pilot investigation". PloS one (2018)
- W. Lyon, Z. Smith, B. Geier, et al. "Evaluating an Upper Respiratory Disease Panel on the Portable MinION Sequencer". bioRxiv (2018)
- Z. Smith, B. Geier, W. Lyon "Microbial Community Identification and Analysis". Poster Session at the Synthetic Biology for Defense Workshop, Arlington, VA. (2018)