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Education

University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)

MS IN COMPUTER & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Aug 2024 - May 2026

Planned Coursework:
Software Development (Python & Java)
Deep Learning
Computer Vision & Computational Photography
Big Data Analytics
Algorithms & Computation

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)

BS IN STATISTICS & DATA SCIENCE (GPA: 3.88)

Sep 2020 - Jun 2024

Coursework: Computational Statistics with R
Python with Applications
Monte Carlo Methods
Mathematical Statistics
Probability
Computer Science (C++)
Computation and Optimization for Statistics

Skills

Language: Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, Seaborn, pandas), R, SQL, C++, MATLAB (Simulink), Java

Data Science: Computer Vision, NLP, Feature Engineering, Reinforcement Learning, Web Scraping, Monte Carlo Simulation **Other:** Git, JIRA, AGILE Framework, Microsoft Excel, Cross-Functional Solutions, Microsoft Teams, Google PageSpeed

Work Experience

Northrop Grumman | Software Engineer Intern (Received Full Time Offer)

Woodland Hills, CA

MATLAB: SIMULINK

Jun 2022 - Sep 2024 (Summers Only)

- · Improved plane navigational accuracy by 5% by identifying 40+ deficiencies through testing on 17+ IMU hyper models.
- Reduced team workload by 20+ hours by developing a byte unpack algorithm for SCC buses meeting ICD standards.
- Generated \$50k in funding by developing a tool to locate weaknesses in the risk registry concerning airworthiness.

Project Kairos | Resale Strategist

Porter Ranch, CA

R: FORECAST, PROPHET, TSERIES, GGPLOT2

Mar 2021 – Dec 2021

- · Provided data-centric guidance for the planning and execution of retail arbitrage strategies, yielding \$20k+ in returns.
- · Increased profits by 10% by quantitatively inferring optimal sell points based on seasonality, supply, and market volatility.

Electrum Homes | Data Analyst Intern (Received Full Time Offer)

Irving, TX

R: rvest, dplyr, tidyverse

May 2021 - Sep 2021

- · Improved team efficiency by 15% by constructing a robust web scraping algorithm to expedite model inputs.
- Increased cash flow by 1.5% by identifying residential properties with features meeting the buy criteria.

Research Experience

Tsiang Statistics Lab | Undergraduate Researcher

Los Angeles, CA

R: RVEST, TIDYVERSE, GGPLOT2, MICE, MCLUST CLASS, MASS, DMWR

Sep 2023 – Dec 2023

- Scripted an algorithm to scrape 25 features for 4500+ observations to assemble a full data set from websites.
- Imputed data using MICE and leveraged SMOTE to create 3000+ synthetic data points for underrepresented class.
- Utilized dimension reduction techniques such as Lasso Regression and Stepwise BIC to reduce to 9 significant predictors.

Projects

UCLA Statistical Consulting

PYTHON: XGBOOST, SCIKIT-LEARN, PANDAS, NUMPY | R: DPLYR, ROSE, DMWR

Apr 2024 – May 2024

- · Offered data-driven guidance to MLB Medical Services to potentially reduce pitcher UCL injury by 15%.
- Raised inference accuracy by 8.5% by utilizing ROSE and SMOTE to reduce majority class bias.
- Modeled with XGBoost, logistic regression, and random forest, achieving up to 65% accuracy on the test set.

A Million Kirby's Fail at Walking

PYTHON: TENSORFLOW, PYGAME, IMAGEIO.V3, NUMPY

Mar 2024 – Jun 2024

- Deployed a reinforcement learning agent that completed 4 levels of a platformer video game.
- Utilized a genetic algorithm that improved the dense neural network reward by an average of 7.5% each generation.
- Improved completion time by 12.5% by implementing sightlines, allowing the agent to react precisely around obstacles.

IMDB Sentiment Analysis

R: TIDYVERSE, CAR, MCLUST, CLASS, MASS, PROC

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Designed a supervised learning voting ensemble with K-Fold CV, achieving accuracy 3.5% greater than any singular model.
- Increased testing accuracy by 5% over Bag of Words by using Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) method.
- Boosted model efficiency by 15% by implementing PCA for dimensionality reduction.