1. Why do you want to be a data scientist/analyst?

I want to be a data scientist/analyst to use my technical skills from my academic background in Applied Economics including the use of an intensive statistical and econometric knowledge and experience. I got my PhD in economics in 2007 and started working as a professor of economics since then. Using linear and logistic regression models, I conducted and published more that 20 research papers in reputable journals in economics and engineering. At the same time, I conducted data driven projects as an economic consultant for big telecommunications companies. Using my background and hands-on experience on data analysis, I am confident that I will make a difference in data science/analysis.

1. Why do you want to work at this company?

I believe that working at this company will provide me a unique opportunity to reveal my skills on data analysis. Using big data, I am enthusiastic to discover data-driven causal relationships as a data scientist and to interpret them in terms of business ideas for the company as an economist. I believe that I will make a significant contribution to the growing business of the company.

1. Tell me about a time you had to handle a conflict with your colleagues.

With one of my research and teaching assistants that I hired for a project that I conducted, I had been facing deadline issues because of him. Deadline issues are not tolerable in academia because journals, conferences, committee meetings, classes, gradings, evaluations, and students etc. rely on you as a professor. You can’t be late for any of those. On the other hand, working with a research assistant is not only about doing research but also raising a colleague or professor. So, I also have to show them how to be a responsible and successful professor including doing research, teaching, technical skills, and intellectually behavioral habits. I always consider such a relationship between my assistants and me as a school. So, I did not want to fire him because he was smart, promising, and enthusiastic to be a good professor. After talking to department chair to find a solution, we found another teaching position under the supervision of another professor and I gave him only research tasks and I continued supervising his research and dissertation instead of teaching activities. He is a successful professor now.