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Data Scientist

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Profile

I'm a data scientist with a strong statistics background and seven years of experience with impactful machine learning projects. I'm full stack: I can collect the data (scrape it or query it from SQL and NoSQL databases), clean it up, make sense of it, use it to train a predictive model, assess the model's performance, present the results to non-technical audiences, apply the model.

Technical Skills

machine learning	● ● ● ● ●
statistics	● ● ● ● ●
Python	● ● ● ● ●
R	● ● ● ● ●
SQL	● ● ● ● ●
web development	● ● ● ● ●
AWS	● ● ● ● ●

Recent Experience

Data Scientist, Comptroller-General of Brazil (CGU)

2016-Present

- I trained a model that helps the Comptroller-General of Brazil choose which municipalities it will audit each year. The total auditable budget was US\$ 3.6 billion in 2018 alone.
- I co-developed Trinity, a graph-based app that finds corruption networks.
- I trained a model that puts a price on the real estate properties of the federal government.
- I created a bot that automates the background check of new government employees.
- I mined the database of covid economic relief to find fraud.
- I helped train and mentor data scientists in other government agencies.

Data Scientist, Brazil's antitrust agency (CADE)

2014-2016

- I co-developed and maintained CEREBRO, an app that mines government procurement data looking for evidence of bid rigging. CEREBRO uses a mix of machine learning, time series econometrics, and graph theory. CEREBRO screens all non-classified federal government bidding processes in Brazil. It was introduced in 2015. The total auditable budget was US\$ 5.9 billion in 2018 alone.

Adjunct Professor, several universities

2016-2018

- I've taught stats and machine learning at a number of private and public universities in Brasília: UnB (machine learning; graduate level), IESB (machine learning; graduate level), IDP (statistics; undergraduate level).

Education & Research

Ph.D. in Political Science

2010-2014

Ohio State University

I took lots of stats classes and in my dissertation research I used natural language processing and machine learning to create the first machine-coded democracy index.

Online Coursework

Udacity: Nanodegree Deep Reinforcement Learning (2018).

Coursera: Deep Learning Specialization (2018), Machine Learning (2013), Introduction to Data Science (2013).

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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