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Summary

In a sentence or two, highlight some of your biggest achievements to date, mention your profession, and include 1-2 of your top skills.

Work Experience

Systems and Technology Research   Woburn MA
Senior Researcher   *July 2017 - Present*

- Machine learning research applied to defense and intelligence problems
- Responsibilities include:
  - Independently conducting literature reviews, determining research directions
  - Designing, implementing, and tuning models
  - Writing scalable code to manage complex preprocessing routines, efficiently train models
  - Presenting results to academic audiences
  - Writing and reviewing grant proposals

1010data   New York NY
Data Scientist   *July 2016 - July 2017*

- Proprietary, distributed OLAP database for billion-record datasets
- Selected activities:
  - Investigated models of a user's propensity to purchase a product after seeing ads for it
  - Optimized analyses for distributed processing
  - Developed software to automate database access management

Education

University of Rochester   Rochester NY
B.S. Data Science   *September 2012 - May 2016*

- First graduate of the program
- Concentration in cognitive science
- Linguistics minor
- Xerox Scholarship recipient
- Graduate level coursework:
  - *DSC 531 Data Science Practicum.* Open source AlphaGo implementation
  - *CSC 461 Database Systems.* Data models, DDLs, ACID, normalization, NoSQL database systems
- Selected undergraduate courses:
  - *Research.* BCS 206 Undergraduate Research in Cognitive Science
  - *Computer Science.* CSC 172 Data Structures, CSC 282 Algorithms, CSC 262 Computational Introduction to Statistics, CSC 265 Intermediate Statistical Methods
  - *Math.* MTH 201 Intro to Probability, MTH 203 Mathematical Statistics, MTH 235 Linear Algebra, MTH 150 Discrete Mathematics

Skills

Programming languages Python, R, Java, C/C++, Bash
ML TensorFlow, Theano, Keras, Torch
Software engineering Git, test-driven development, object-oriented programming, functional programming
Database systems Relational (SQL), document (MongoDB), columnar, graph
Soft skills TODO

Selected Projects

Group Dynamics Modeling, Forecasting, and Validation Systems and Technology Research
Dr. Kirill Trapeznikov *September 2017 - Present*

- *Research goal.* Investigate behavior of indivduals in group contexts on social media websites. Develop predictive models of group membership.
- *Role.* Primary technical contributor. Independently read papers, propose research directions, preprocess data, implement, train, and tune models, evaluate and present results.
- *Approach.* Inspired by recommender systems, formulate problem as matrix factorization. Learn latent factor matrices pointwise. To regularize, constrain model to learn distribution of associated unstructured data. Engineer pipeline to yield reproducible experiments despite nondeterminic preprocessing. Bayesian optimization efficiently tunes highly sensitive hyperparameters.
- *Results.* Ongoing. Models reliably outperform baselines. Regularization with unstructured data boosts performance overall, but unevenly across users.

Synchronized Plans and Analytics for aiR-Cyber-Space (SPARCS) Systems and Technology Research
Mr. Nick Pioch *September 2017 - September 2018*

- *Research goal.* Database alignment. Build model to automatically align schemas from disparate databases.
- *Role.* Lead analyst. Implemented, trained models both collaboratively and independently.
- *Approach.* Draw ideas from knowledge base completion literature. Train neural network to infer facts about entities at the ontological (schema) level.
- *Results.* Schemas of sufficient size required to obtain reasonable results. Model correctly infers unobserved ontological facts when trained against large schemas with some explicit overlap.

AlphaGo Replication DSC 531 Data Science Practicuum
Dr. Henry Kautz *January 2016 - May 2016*

- *Research goal.* Build open-source implementation of AlphaGo.
- *Role.* Sole undergraduate student. Independently built initial prototype of the four deep nets in AlphaGo system. Implemented Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) rollouts with a partner. Helped lead group discussions to resolve apparent implementation inconsistencies.
- *Approach.* Study paper closely, understand implementation in sufficient detail to reconstruct it.
- *Results.* Many individual components finished (models, rollouts, game simulator, etc). Overall implementation incomplete due to insufficient time and compute resources. Broadly useful effort nevertheless; Github repository forked several thousand times, still under active development.

Online Interpretations of Scalar Adjectives BCS 206 Undergraduate Research in Cognitive Science
Dr. Chigusa Kurumada *September 2015 - May 2016*

- *Research question.* In discourse, people integrate context with speaker utterances to resolve their meaning. Two opposing theories about the mechanism behind this process: One holds that people rely on fixed rules to accomplish contextual integration, the other that the mechanism flexibly adapts to specific situations.
- *Role.* Team member, programmer. Independently analyzed experimental data, from raw eyetracking time series to hypothesis testing. Presented results with team.
- *Approach.* Conceptual replication of The Effect of Speaker-Specific Information on Pragmatic Inferences (Grodner and Sedivy, 2011). Eyetracking study with 40 subjects. Control group hears instructions from normal speaker, experimental group from speaker who overcontextualizes. Hypothesis: Control group integrates context, while experimental group learns to disregard it.
- *Results.* Hypothesis confirmed, supporting theory of adaptable contextual integration. Possible flaw discovered in reference experiment; they did not report interaction significance for a within-subject factor.

Grant Proposals

Bayesian ML for Assurance Case Evaluation in Complex Systems Systems and Technology Research
Dr. Steven Jilcott *July 2018 - Present*

- *Description.* Bayesian machine learning framework to automate safety assurance processes for complex, modular systems.
- *Role.* Contributed many of the main ideas of the proposal.
- *Outcome.* Won 5.8 million dollar contract.

Poster Presentations

- A. Sullivan. B. Gardner, and T. Trine, "Speaker-Specific Modulations of Real-Time Visual Search Behaviors to Pragmatic Unreliability," presented at Undergraduate Research Exposition, Rochester, NY April 2016

Teaching and Advising Experience

DSC 531 Lesson Planner   University of Rochester
Dr. Henry Kautz   *June 2016 - July 2016*

- Designed module for graduate-level course. Deep learning overview, covering basics of vanilla and convolutional nets, training on remote GPU cluster, and applications to natural language processing.

EcoReps coordinator   University of Rochester
Dr. Leila Nadir   *September 2013 - May 2014*

- Credit bearing, two-course series on sustainable leadership. Responsible for course design / lesson planning, assignment grading, field trip coordination for class of 30 students.

CSC 108 TA   University of Rochester
Dr. Rolando Raqueno   *September 2013 - December 2013*

- Introductory course on computer programming and applications. Ran, graded labs.