Xavier Garcia, PhD

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SKILLS

• Advanced: Python, PyTorch, NumPy, scikit-learn, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn.

• Proficient: Pyro and SQL.

• Languages: English and Spanish.

• Miscallenous: Machine learning, probability theory, and reinforcement learning.

EXPERIENCE

Insight Artificial Intelligence Program

New York, NY

Fellow

September 2018 - Present

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- o Developed AutoTunes, an automatic music generation engine for indie/retro video games.
- Implemented a pipeline for processing MIDI files, feeding them into AutoTunes, and recovering MIDI files by using pretty_midi.
- Prepared a curated GitHub with a detailed Jupyter Notebook for future usage and extensions of AutoTunes.

Open Data Group

Chicago, IL

Data Science Intern

May 2018 - August 2018

- Implemented hierarchical models for studying the transition rates of mortgage-backed securities using Pyro.
- o Built recommender system prototypes to assist traders with trades.
- o Presented work on applications of reinforcement learning to industry.

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Graduate Researcher Sept. 2013 – June 2018

- $\circ \ \, {\rm Collaborated \ with \ three \ mathematics \ professors \ to \ tackle \ high \ dimensional \ problems \ in \ probability \ theory.}$
- Discovered emerging phenomenon in the average number of stable equilibria for high dimensional systems, with applications to physics, machine learning and mathematics.
- o Taught and led weekly discussion sections with over 25 students in attendance.

Williams College

Williamstown, MA

Summer Researcher June 2012 – Aug. 2012

- o Collaborated with two other undergraduates from across the country to produce publishable work.
- Extended discussions with a faculty at Williams College to write manuscript of results.
- Presented work at conference with over 50 people in attendance.

Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence

Minneapolis, MN

Tutor

Sept. 2010 - May 2013

- Developed materials to help students in over 7 different mathematics classes.
- $\circ~$ Led study groups ranging from 2-5 students, facilitating communication among the students.
- \circ Worked with students from a variety of backgrounds through one-on-one lessons, raising their test scores from 60% to over 80%.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Sept. 2013 - June 2018

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Sept. 2009 - May 2013

Honors & Awards

National Science Foundation

Evanston, IL

May 2015 - May 2018

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Graduate Research Fellowship

• Garcia, X. On the number of equilibria with a given number of unstable directions. (2017). Preprint. https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.04021