Zach Siegel

Data Science | Software Engineering

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Passionate about optimization, automation, and statistics-driven decision-making. Highly proficient with a variety of full-stack application development tools that bring analysis to life. Eager to grow; working to continue to have a high impact in increasingly complex environments.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles MS - Operations Management. GPA 3.94

2019-2021

Pomona College BA - Mathematics, Computer Science minor. GPA 3.63

2010-2014

Professional Experience

Software Engineer Capsida Biotherapeutics, Inc.

2022 - Present

Launched a widely-used internal website, onboarded and trained contributors. Developed a full-stack web platform for customized BI analyses; pipeline for long-running bioinformatics calculations; IP-related data mining; scheduling automation and visualization; automated handoffs; cross-platform syncing; integrations with lab robots; primate immunogenicity forecasting.

MBA Teaching Assistant Anderson School of Management, UCLA

2020 - 2021

Taught "Data and Analytics" to students in the full-time and fully-employed MBA programs as part of PhD teaching requirements.

Sinai Temple Freelance software development

Automated and optimized scheduling Bar/Bar Mitzvah dates for ~130 students via mixed-integer linear programming.

GroupThere Freelance software development

2017 - 2021

Launched a carpool optimization tool at grouptherenow.com. Minimizes total drive-time sum across groups of 2-100. Configured for organizations. "Bee Swarm for Cars".

LA Community Action Network Freelance software development

2017

Re-implemented LAPD's "hotspot"-generation algorithm. Compared hotspots to historical arrest, citation, and crime report data from the City of Los Angeles. Contributed results the community-generated report "Predictive Policing in Los Angeles".

FactoryOfEverything Freelance software development

Developed a model for purchasing, production, shipping, and holding over a factory-warehouse-retail system. Forecasting using classical signal processing, regression, and machine learning. Implemented MVP in MATLAB.

Mathematics Tutor Tutor Me LA

2016 - 2019

Provided private tutoring for undergraduate UCLA students as part of the UCLA Guardian Scholars scholarship.

Computer Science Instructor PlanetBravo

2018

Taught introductory and intermediate computer science courses for young children.

Tutor for Incarcerated Youth M&I Education Consulting

2015 - 2018

Provided Math and CS tutoring for incarcerated and foster youth in El Monte and Long Beach, CA.

Research

Pandemic Mitigation Optimization Anderson School of Management, UCLA

2021

Optimizes decisions that affect compartment flow parameters in discrete-time SIRD disease progression model.

2020

Extends strategies for algorithmic fairness from the machine learning community to a resource-allocation optimization setting.

Generative Models and Sparse Coding Department of Mathematics, Pomona College

2014

Formalizes connections between the Boltzmann Machine Distribution and unsupervised learning based on sparse coding.

Anomaly Detection Using Dictionary Learning University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Explores unsupervised anomaly detection in video data using dictionary learning and sparse coding. An NSF-funded REU.

Modeled insect populations in MATLAB using partial differential equations. An NSF-funded REU.

Fairness, Efficiency, and Feature-Awareness Anderson School of Management, UCLA

2013

Aquatic Insect Populations' Response To Time-Varying Reproductive Rates Oregon State University

2012

Zero-Sum Flows of the Linear Lattice Department of Mathematics, Pomona College Proved conditions for bounds on network flows in a generalization of the boolean lattice

2012

Favorite Tools (expert)

Database

· • SQL · Pandas · Spark · Redis

Communication · ♦ LaTeX · Jupyter · Markdown

Web - Python · ♦ Django · ♦ Flask · Plotly Dash

Web - IS · 🔥 React · NextJS · Angular Optimization

· • Pyomo · COIN-OR · GUROBI

Fun

· Bouldering · 🔥 Sourdough Bread

Honors

Outstanding Presentation Award Joint Mathematics Meeting, Baltimore, MD

2014

Llewellyn Bixby Mathematics Prize Department of Mathematics, Pomona College

2012