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.

Professional Experience

Software Engineer & Data Scientist Capsida Biotherapeutics, Inc.

2022 - Present

Led the development of a widely-used internal website running on AWS using React and Django. Created and maintained testing suite and documentation. Onboarded cross-functional contributors and socialized adoption.

Created and maintained data "plumbing" automations that connected platforms and services, including: lab information database, project management software, networked lab instruments, and internal website server. Built a QR-based inventory update system to reduce cycle counting need. Fully automated several lab instrument data ingest operations.

Created a primate immunogenicity forecasting and decision-support tool using stochastic modeling to anticipate spontaneous interruptions to animal availability (a widespread challenge in biotech). Fully-automated analysis pipeline makes increasingly precise recommendations available to decision-makers as new assay results are recorded in lab information database.

Deployed software to support: scheduling automation and visualization; highly customized BI analyses; a pipeline for long-running bioinformatics calculations; IP-related data mining; automated "handoffs" across platforms; integrations with lab robots.

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. Built a git deployment pipeline for learning material using JupyterHub. MBA students clicked a "magic link" to access cloud-provisioned, SSO-enabled compute environments. Prepared interactive notebook-based Python and R material.

Freelance Software Development

Automated Scheduling Sinai Temple

2018, 2019

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

Carpool Assignment Optimization GroupThere

2017 - 2020

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

Community Safety Intervention Modeling LA Community Action Network

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".

Supply Chain Forecasting, Automation, and Optimization FactoryOfEverything

2016 - 2017

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.

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

Awarded "Llewellyn Bixby Mathematics Prize," 2014: to the student with highest achievement in the Mathematics department.

Research

Pandemic Mitigation Optimization Anderson School of Management, UCLA

2021

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

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

Generative Models and Sparse Coding Department of Mathematics, Pomona College

2020

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

2014

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

Anomaly Detection Using Dictionary Learning University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

2013

Explores unsupervised anomaly detection in video data using dictionary learning and sparse coding. An NSF-funded REU.

Awarded "Outstanding Presentation Award" by the Joint Mathematics Meeting, 2014: top 15% of undergraduate groups at JMM.

Favorite Tools (* = expert)

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

Database

 \cdot SQL* \cdot Pandas \cdot Spark \cdot Redis

Communication · LaTeX* · Jupyter · Markdown

Fun

ular *Optimization*

· Pvomo* · COIN-OR · GUROBI

· Bouldering · Sourdough Bread*

Web - JS

 $\cdot \, \mathsf{React}^* \cdot \mathsf{NextJS} \cdot \mathsf{Angular}$