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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, MA

PhD in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0

2022 - Current

Fair and Explainable Decision making Lab (FED)

Advisor: Yair Zick

• Research: Implementing and analyzing the Yankee Swap algorithm for Course Allocation. The project involves time complexity analysis, optimizing welfare and fairness metrics, and statistical analysis

Coursework: Advanced Algorithms, Advanced NLP, Artificial Intelligence, Game Theory and Fairness, Database Design and Implementation

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC)

Santiago, Chile

Master of Science in Engineering, GPA: 3.89

2016 - 2019

Advisor: Rodrigo Cienfuegos

• Master Thesis: Assessment of the tsunami forecast capacity using sea surface data assimilation

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC)

Santiago, Chile

Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Mathematical Engineering), GPA: 3.64

2012 - 2016

• Relevant Coursework: Linear Algebra, Stochastic Models, Probabilities Theory, Statistical Inference, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Regression Analysis, Time Series, Discrete Mathematics, Multivariate Calculus, Simulations, Optimization under Uncertainty, Real Analysis, Partial Differential Equations

Research and Work Experience

Vinken Consultancy / Energy and Complex Systems Lab (PUC)

Santiago, Chile

Data Scientist/R&D Engineer

Jun 2021 - Jul 2022

- Project lead on short and long term forecasting methods for solar energy and electric demand time series
- Built an algorithm to curate solar irrandiance data hosted in SQL databases and developed supervised learning forecasting model that incorporated Fourier analysis along with physical and persistence forecasting models
- Integrated the forecasting tool to the backend of existing solar operation management software
- Collaborated on optimizing solar farm cleaning scheduling project in which a Markov Decision Process model was built to select optimal cleaning dates under different sources of uncertainty [1]

Public Funding Research Project

Santiago, Chile

Project Engineer

Researcher

Dec 2019 - May 2021

- Posed the tsunami source reconstruction problem from coastal observations as an inverse problem through a Bayesian Inference approach
- Built an algorithm to reconstruct the tsunami source and propagate it. Achieved state of the art tsunami forecasts

Research Center for Integrated Disaster Risk Management (CIGIDEN)

Santiago, Chile

Mar 2019 - May 2021

- Built an algorithm to select candidate tsunami observation points through Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and later clusterize them
- Implemented near-real time data assimilation algorithm for tsunami forecasting, run multiple simulations considering different observation networks and built heuristic to find the optimal one
- Achieved state of the art tsunami forecast for near field points with a network of only 3 observation stations for the
- Implemented the methodology for the entire Chilean coast under stochastic scenarios and achieved significant results by adding only 11 observation stations

Earthquake Research Institute (ERI), University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

Research Fellowship

Oct 2017 - Nov 2017

Supervisor: Kenji Satake

• Master thesis research fellowship on Empirical Orthogonal Functions and Data Assimilation for tsunami forecasting

Publications

- [1] M. González-Castillo, P. Navarrete, T. Tapia, Á. Lorca, D. Olivares, and M. Negrete-Pincetic, "Cleaning scheduling in photovoltaic solar farms with deterministic and stochastic optimization", *Sustainable Energy, Grids and Networks*, vol. 36, p. 101 147, 2023.
- [2] Y. Wang, H. Tsushima, K. Satake, and P. Navarrete, "Review on recent progress in near-field tsunami forecasting using offshore tsunami measurements: Source inversion and data assimilation", *Pure and Applied Geophysics*, pp. 1–20, 2021.
- [3] P. Navarrete, R. Cienfuegos, K. Satake, Y. Wang, A. Urrutia, R. Benavente, P. Catalán, J. Crempien, and I. Mulia, "Sea surface network optimization for tsunami forecasting in the near field: Application to the 2015 illapel earthquake", *Geophysical Journal International*, vol. 221, no. 3, pp. 1640–1650, 2020.
- [4] Y. Wang, K. Satake, R. Cienfuegos, M. Quiroz, and P. Navarrete, "Far-field tsunami data assimilation for the 2015 illapel earthquake", *Geophysical Journal International*, vol. 219, no. 1, pp. 514–521, 2019.

Conferences, Seminars and Posters

- P. Navarrete, C. Cousins, V. Viswanathan. & Y. Zick (2023). Efficient Yankee Swap for Fairly Allocating Courses to Students. *Columbia Workshop on Fairness in Operations and AI*. Columbia University, New York.
- P. Navarrete, R. Cienfuegos, A. Urrutia., R. Benavente & J. Crempien (2020). Optimal network for sea surface tsunami data assimilation for the entire Chilean coast. Fourth Colloquium on Geophysical Signatures of Earthquakes and Volcanoes. Santiago, Chile.
- P. Navarrete, R. Cienfuegos, K. Satake (2018). Assessment of the tsunami forecast capacity using sea surface data assimilation: The 2015 Illapel Earthquake. *III Engineering UC-USM Congress*. Santiago, Chile.

Selected Projects

Amplification of Biases in Language Models due to Data Dilution

COMPSCI 685 Advanced Natural Language Processing

Spring 2023

- Conducted iterative GPT-2 finetuning, text generation, and then finetuning on the generated data, to measure the effect diluting the training data has on text quality in terms of exposure bias.
- Results showed that the quality reduces considerably after each iteration but exposure bias is not able to capture it

Reducing Hallucination through Dynamic Partition

Bio NLP Independent Study

Spring 2023

• Modified the T5 summarization model, incorporating context partition to induce repetition of certain medical jargon, and avoid hallucinations in electrical health record summarization

TEACHING

•	Teaching Associate at University of Massachusetts Amherst
	Introduction to Programming with Python (Fall 2023)

Sep 2023 – Dec 2023

- Teaching Assistant at University of Massachusetts Amherst Sep 20 Introduction to Computation (Fall 2022), Reasoning Under Uncertainty (Spring 2023, Summer 2023)
 - Sep 2022 Aug 2023
- Adjunct Professor at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile Stochastic Models (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
- Mar 2020 Jul 2022

• **Teaching Assistant** at Pontifical Catholic University of Chile Stochastic Models, Linear Algebra, Calculus II, Marketing

Mar 2013 - Dec 2018

SKILLS

- Programming: Python, SQL, MATLAB, C#, Java, Bash, LATEX, R, Excel
- Libraries: Pytorch, NumPy, Pandas, Networkx, Matplotlib

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• PUC School of Engineering Letter of Recognition for Outstanding Teaching	2022
Most Inspiring Professor of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department.	2020

• JASSO Grant for exchange students in Japan

2017