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## SUMMARY

I am a CS PhD student with research experience in Time Series Classification and Explainable AI. Experienced building AI products for FinTech and Transportation companies in US and Asia. A versatile team player and problem solver with passion for continuous learning and development.

## EDUCATION

- University College Dublin, Ireland** 09/2019 - 05/2024  
*Ph.D., Computer Science* (expected)
- **Research areas:** Time Series & Sequential Learning, Algorithm Trust, Safety & Fairness, Automated Reasoning, Explainable AI, Robustness System
- Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ** 08/2016 - 05/2018  
*Dual Degree M.B.A. and M.Sc., Business Analytics*
- **Main Courses:** Statistics, Database Systems Concept & Design, Data Mining I&II, Marketing Analytics
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore** 08/2008 - 05/2012  
*B.Sc., Maritime Studies (Commerce & International Trade)*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

<b>Programming</b>	Python, R	<b>Database</b>	MySQL, PostgreSQL
<b>Big Data</b>	PySpark 2.1	<b>Software</b>	Tableau, Redash, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Packages</b>	TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Git		

## EXPERIENCE

- SFI Centre for Research Training in Machine Learning, Ireland** 01/2020 - 05/2024  
*Doctoral Student* (expected)
- **Algorithm Trust, Safety & Fairness:** Propose a framework to quantitatively evaluate state-of-the-art methods explaining black-box algorithms; Open-source the software for research community.
  - **Automated Reasoning:** Propose a new, reliable, optimized method to explain black-box classifiers for sequential & time series data, enabling automatic knowledge discovery in data.
  - **Scalable & High Performance Sequential Learner:** Research on methodology to make sequential classification faster while maintaining performance of highest available method.
  - **Teaching Assistant:** Data Analytics, Machine Learning, Big Data Programming, Relational Database & SQL Programming
- Trusting Social Ltd., Vietnam** 08/2018 - 06/2019  
*Data Scientist*
- **Credit Score Modeling using Mobile Data:** Researched and Optimized performance of Credit Score model for 60+ million of unbanked customers using Python and PySpark; Proposed and Engineered new features; Tuned model hyperparameters, achieving 30% increase in Gini of back-testing datasets.
  - **Data Quality Monitoring:** Automated quality monitoring workflow on 100+ TB of data with real-time dashboard using Redash and mySQL on AWS, improving reliability and saving 10+ hours weekly for analytics team.
- FedEx Corporation, Memphis, TN** 01/2018-05/2018  
*Data Science Intern (MSc Business Analytics Capstone)*
- **Data Product Conceptualization:** Proposed the idea of combining machine learning techniques and time series analysis to predict transportation need, enabling time savings and reducing manual budgeting efforts.
  - **Building production-ready data product:** Gathered, cleaned, analyzed, engineered features from multiple sources, Built predictive model, achieving Mean Absolute Percent Error (MAPE) of under 5% on 3-month data test data.
- Shun Shing Group Intl., Singapore** 09/2012 - 06/2016  
*Senior Pricing Analyst, Bulk Commodity Transportation*
- **Features Analysis & Hypothesis testing:** Designed experiments to diagnose features driving contract pricing; Performed testing of independent variables to confirm statistical significance.
  - **Leadership:** Led a market research analyst team to analyze, predict, and offer future prices to commodity traders.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Nguyen T.T., Le Nguyen T., Ifrim G. (2020) *A Model-Agnostic Approach to Quantifying the Informativeness of Explanation Methods for Time Series Classification*. In: ECML Workshop 2020. Published in conference proceedings and part of Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 12588 (Springer, Cham). [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-65742-0\\_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-65742-0_6)
- Agarwal S.\*, Nguyen T.T.\*, Le Nguyen T., Ifrim G. (2021) *Ranking by Aggregating Referees: Evaluating the Informativeness of Explanation Methods for Time Series Classification*. In: ECML Workshop 2021. Published in conference proceedings and part of Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 13114 (Springer, Cham). [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-91445-5\\_1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-91445-5_1)