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#### **EDUCATION**

## **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

#### The Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences

MS in Mathematics in Finance (September 2017 – December 2018)

- Coursework: Black-Scholes formula and Greeks, Monte Carlo, Black-Litterman, VaR, stresstest, ARMA, logistic regression, NLP, ridge regression, lasso regression, PCA
  - Awards: Ranked top 4 for 2018 Morgan Stanley Prize for Excellence

#### **ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

BS in Applied Mathematics (August 2013 – May 2017) GPA: 3.97/4

- Coursework: Differential Equations, Hypothesis Tests, Time Series Econometrics, OOP
- Awards: 'Meritorious Winner' in Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Menger best undergrad award

# **EXPERIENCE**

## NANHUA-USA

Summer Analyst (May 2018 – August 2018)

- Forecasted crude oil futures prices, demand and supply using vector autoregressive model in Python
- Applied OLS to study the relationship between crude oil futures prices and spot prices in Python •
- Calculated Monte Carlo VaR with different portfolio positions and backtested it in Python

## CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK

## International Business and Investment Banking Division Intern (June 2017 – July 2017)

- Checked files attached to Documentary Collection and Documentary Credit to avoid risk of default
- Communicated with clients on their needs and advised them on appropriate products

## **ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Research Assistant (May 2016 – July 2016)

- Implemented Heston Stochastic Volatility model using Quadratic Exponential and Broadie-Kaya Scheme in the Guaranteed Automatic Integration Library (GAIL)
- Modified the algorithm to extend the applicable range to the case when volatility of asset prices' • volatility is approaching zero by change of variables

## Student Assistant (May 2016 – May 2017)

Assisted with office work and holding math conference, such as creating schedules and name tag

# **PROJECTS**

## Factor Forecasting with Economic Indicators (Python)

- Replicated Fama-French size and value factor returns successfully using monthly asset return data ٠
- Forecasted replicated factors using PCA, OLS, ridge regression and random forests technique
- Cleaned raw economic indicators collected from Datastream and CEIC to generate stationary dataset and forward filled in missing values to avoid look-ahead bias

## Latent Semantic Analysis (Python)

Recommended most related articles to an input string from 10k article corpus using SVD

## *Computing in Finance* (Python & Java)

- Priced American options and constructed its early exercise boundary by least squares
- Priced European and Asian options using Monte Carlo simulation and antithetic method

## **Risk and Portfolio Management**

- Developed industry momentum change strategy on constituent data of S&P 1500
- ٠ Optimized portfolio on seven Vanguard Funds using mean-variance and Black-Litterman model
- Filled in missing data using regression-based EM, bootstrapping and Brownian bridge method

## **Prediction of Sales of Large Shopping Malls (R)**

- Collected and constructed features including ratings, population and income from public website ٠
- Applied OLS, ridge regression and ARMA model to predict sales of large shopping malls in US and selected proper models by MSE and explained variation

## **COMPUTER SKILLS/OTHER**

Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, Java, R, GitHub, Bloomberg Terminal, Datastream, LaTeX Languages: Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

New York, NY

Chicago, IL

Chicago, IL

Dalian, China

Chicago, IL