

Levent Sarı

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Middle East Technical University Department of Statistics

Research Assistant

Jan. 2025 – Present

Ankara, Türkiye

Ipsos Türkiye

AI & Modelling Executive

Nov. 2022 – Jan. 2025

Istanbul, Türkiye

- Training and fine-tuning local LLM models.
- R&D and publishment of internal and external tools/products using latest models of various LLM developers including OpenAI, Google, Mistral and Anthrophics.
- Türkiye representative of Ipsos' global generative AI initiative in R&D and curation of a wide-use prompt library/gallery
- Training statistical and machine learning models as well as MMMs on a project basis including reporting their outputs.
- Validation and enhancement of previously trained long-term client machine learning models.
- Validation and enhancement of outdated marketing science analysis models and macros.

Türk Telekom

Intern/Part-Time Analyst

Jun. 2021 – May 2022

Istanbul, Türkiye

- Sentiment analysis and NLP on comments for various applications that are branded under Türk Telekom.
- Segmentation of customer usage habits for online services and appliances such as food or banking applications.
- Providing research, literature review and education on topics and new technologies/methodologies related to statistics, data science, customer analytics & digital analytics.

Veripie: Up-to-date Data Journalism

Co-founder

Apr. 2020 – Present (Inactive)

Ankara, Türkiye

Middle East Technical University Jazz Society

Organization, Bureaucracy, Technics Teams - Member of the Supervisory Board

Sep. 2017 – Present

Ankara, Türkiye

- Venue and musician hunting for society activities that aim to spread jazz music in METU and Ankara.
- Buying/repairing musical and stage equipment to be used in society activities.
- Finding/managing sponsorships for financial, lodging, logistics, travel and equipment aid in large scale events.
- Stage set-up, sound engineering, photography and video recording for society events.

EDUCATION

Middle East Technical University

Master of Science, Faculty of Natural and Applied Sciences, Department of Statistics

Sep. 2022 – Jun. 2025 (Expected)

Ankara, Türkiye

- CGPA: 3.59/4.00

Middle East Technical University

Bachelor of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Statistics

Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2022

Ankara, Türkiye

- CGPA: 3.43/4.00
- High Honor Student (Spring, 2022)
- High Honor Student (Fall, 2022)
- Honor Student (Spring, 2021)
- Honor Student (Fall, 2021)
- Honor Student (Spring, 2020)

SKILLS

- Python for Data Analysis, Data Science, Machine Learning and Deep Learning
- R for Data Analysis, Data Science and Machine Learning
- Python for Training & Fine-Tuning LLMs
- SQL
- C
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe Audition
- MS Office

PROJECTS - PAPERS

- Company Bankruptcy Prediction
- Analysis on Credit Fraud
- An Analysis of Stroke and Affiliated Factors
- DESG (Demographic, Economic, Sociologic, Geographic) Factors and Disaster Awareness in Turkey

CERTIFICATES - EVENTS

- Participation Certificate for the End of the Year Concert - METU Department of Music and Fine Arts (2024)
- Turk Telekom START Project Camp Participation Certificate (2021)
- Verinin Kadim Dili SQL (2021)
Online Education on SQL by METU Statistics Club
- Welcome to Game Theory (2020)
Course by University of Tokyo – Issued by Coursera
- AI for Everyone (2020)
Course by deeplearning.ai – Issued by Coursera
- The Data Scientist's Toolbox (2020)
Course by Johns Hopkins University – Issued by Coursera
- Second Turkish Naval Forces Commandership 'Deniz Yıldızları' Big Band" Concert Organization Team – METU Jazz Society (Dec. 2019)
- First Turkish Naval Forces Commandership 'Deniz Yıldızları' Big Band" Concert Organization Team – METU Jazz Society (Jan. 2019)
- "8th Jazz and Blues Days" Organization Team – METU Jazz Society (2019)
- "7th Jazz and Blues Days" Organization Team – METU Jazz Society (2019)

PERSONAL INTERESTS - HOBBIES

Data Science, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Written Translation, Image Editing, Photography, Concert Recording, Sound Engineering, Live & Jazz Music, Guitar, Piano & Keyboards, Volleyball, Tennis, Basketball, Running, Marathons, Cooking, Mixology