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- The data used in this paper is owned by eBay and is proprietary.
- The research in this paper is part of an existing and ongoing data-sharing relationship between the Stanford researchers (myself included) and eBay Research Labs, where Neel Sundaresan serves as its director.
- As part of this relationship, I became a consultant to eBay Research Labs. I received compensation from eBay in 2010 and in 2011.
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