Abstract
Data science embraces interdisciplinary methodologies and tools, such as those in statistics, artificial intelligence/machine learning, data management, algorithms, computation and economics. Practicing data science to empower innovative applications, however, remains an art due to many factors beyond technology, such as sophistication of application scenarios, business demands, and the central role of human being in the loop. In this talk, I will share with the audience some experience and lessons I learned from my journey in data science research and development. First, I will illustrate the core value of building domain-oriented, end-to-end data science solutions that can help people gain new interpretable domain knowledge. Second, using network embedding as an example, I will demonstrate that the nature of data science practice is to connect challenges in vertical applications with general scientific principles and tools. Last, I will advocate data supply chain, which connects data supply and consumption based on value of data and value-added services.

About the speaker
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