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"Integrating Cyber Security and Data Science: Diversity and Inclusion"

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The representation of women and underrepresented minority communities have increased a great deal in Engineering and Computer Science. However, in many disciplines of Computing including in Cyber Security and Data Science, women and minority communities are vastly under-represented. While the female population is around 10% in cyber security and around 25% in data science the minority communities such as the African American communities are even less. There is an urgent need to address this substantial under-representation of women and minority communities in cyber security and data science. The presentation will first provide a technical discussion on the integration of cyber security and data science including topics such as machine learning for malware analysis, adversarial machine learning and data privacy and then discuss why women and minority communities should pursue a career in such a high demand field.

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