Jessica Su

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Education

Stanford University

PhD student, Computer Science

California Institute of Technology

B.S., Computer Science (3.8 GPA)

Palo Alto, CA

September 2013 - present

Pasadena, CA

September 2007 - June 2013

Publications

- Marcolli M and **Su J** (2013) Arithmetic of Potts Model Hypersurfaces. International Journal of Geometric Methods in Modern Physics 10-4. arXiv:1112.5667 [math-ph].
- Liebovitch L, Peluso P, Norman M, Su J, Gottman J (2011) Mathematical model of the dynamics of psychotherapy. Cognitive Neurodynamics 1-11.
- Peluso P, Liebovitch L, Gottman J, **Su J** (2011) A mathematical model of psychotherapy: an investigation using dynamic non-linear equations to model the therapeutic relationship. Psychotherapy Research.
- Ward C, Su J, Huang Y, Lloyd A, Gould F, Hay B (2011) Medea selfish genetic elements as tools for altering traits of wild populations: a theoretical analysis. Evolution 65:1149-1162.
- Hay B, Chen CH, Ward CM, Huang H, **Su JT**, Guo M (2010) Engineering the genomes of wild insect populations: Challenges, and opportunities provided by synthetic Medea selfish genetic elements. Journal of Insect Physiology 56(10):1402-1413.
- Chen CH, Huang H, Ward CM, **Su JT**, Schaeffer LV, Guo M, Hay BA (2007) A synthetic maternal-effect selfish genetic element drives population replacement in Drosophila. Science 316:597-600.
- M.D. Norman, L.S. Liebovitch, P.R. Peluso, **J. Su**, J.M. Gottman. Mathematical Model of the Dynamics of Psychotherapy. International Conference on Complex Systems, June 2011, Cambridge MA.
- L. S. Liebovitch, P. R. Peluso, **J. Su**, J. Gottman. 2010. Mathematical Model of Psychotherapy A New Approach to Understanding the Therapeutic Relationship. Association for Psychological Science, May 29, 2010, Boston MA.

Research Experience

Microsoft Research

Mountain View, CA

Intern

June 2014 - September 2014

- Working with Nina Mishra on a data mining project.

Virginia Williams, Department of Computer Science

Stanford, CA

Research Assistant

April 2014 - June 2014

- Designed an algorithm to solve the multiple-fault replacement paths problem in linear query time.

Ashish Goel, Department of Management Science and Engineering

Stanford, CA

Research Assistant

January 2014 - March 2014

- Investigated voting systems that encourage people to come to consensus on issues.

Jure Leskovec, Department of Computer Science

Stanford, CA

Research Assistant

September 2013 - December 2013

- Designed and implemented an algorithm to generate graphs with specific subgraph counts.

Matilde Marcolli, Caltech, Department of Mathematics

Pasadena, CA

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

June 2011 - August 2011

- Proved that Tutte polynomials do not satisfy the Kontsevich conjecture.

Noah Goodman, MIT, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences **Research Intern**

Cambridge, MA

June 2010 - August 2010

- Ran computer-based experiments to explore how people learn new words.

Larry Liebovitch, FAU, Complex Systems and Brain Sciences

Boca Raton, FL

Research Intern

November 2009 - February 2010

- Used nonlinear differential equations to model the rapist-client interactions.
- Solved the equations of the model analytically.

Rob Phillips, Caltech, Department of Biology

Pasadena, CA

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow

June 2007 - August 2007

- Used a modified version of BLAST to search for motor proteins in bacteria.

Bruce Hay, Caltech, Department of Biology

Pasadena, CA

Research Intern

June 2006 - August 2006

- Modeled the dynamics of maternal-effect selfish genes.

Class Projects

• An analysis of congressional tweets

Spring 2013

- Scraped tweets made by congresspeople and used MySQL to correlate them with relevant characteristics of the user.

• Netflix challenge

Fall 2012

- Used machine learning to predict movie ratings from training data.

Skills

- Computer science classes: Machine learning (3 classes), neural computation, lattices and convexity, computability theory, complexity theory, algorithms, graph algorithms, algebraic graph algorithms, systems, databases, social network analysis
- Math classes: Real analysis, abstract algebra, combinatorics, stochastic processes, dynamical systems
- Other classes: Waves, quantum mechanics, statistical physics, error-correcting codes, systems biology
- Computer skills:
 - Comfortable with: Python, MATLAB, Java, C, C++, MySQL, Unix, LaTeX
 - Have used before: Mathematica, R, Perl, C#, Objective-C, Haskell, Assembly

Work Experience

SKIE

Pasadena, CA

Intern

June 2013 - August 2013

- Built image search for a collaborative education app.

Protabit LLC Pasadena, CA

Intern

June 2012 - September 2012

- Used bioinformatics tools to analyze the efficacy of protein design software.

Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions

Boca Raton, FL

Instructor

July 2008 - March 2009

- Taught SAT preparation classes. Tutored individual students for the SAT and SAT II.

Awards

- Top 500 Putnam (2008)
- Lingle Scholarship (2007, awarded to top two freshmen in incoming class)
- Axline Scholarship (2007, full ride merit scholarship)