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Education

Master of Science - Computational Biology

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Sep. 2020 - Apr. 2022

- Relevant Coursework: Algorithms, Statistics, Programming, Machine Learning, Genomics

Honours Bachelor of Science - Molecular Biology & Genetics Co-op

McMASTER UNIVERSITY

Sep. 2015 - Apr. 2020

- Relevant Coursework: Software Development, Mathematical Modelling, Bioinformatics, Microbial & Human Genetics

Experience

Hoffman Lab, University Of Toronto

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

RESEARCH ASSISTANT CO-OP ([LAB SITE](#))

- Comparing transcriptomic data between publicly available placental, cancer and “normal” tissues
- Extensively cleaning and pre-processing data in a clear, reproducible manner
- Self-taught and applied linear models to differential expression analysis and correcting with batch effects
- Creating clear intuitive visuals to help communicate trends and patterns in biological data

Adapsyn, McMaster University

Jan. 2018 - Aug. 2018

DATA SCIENCE CO-OP ([GITHUB](#))

- Performed various analyses with many kinds of biological data to accelerate natural products discovery
- Applied statistics and statistical learning techniques to help direct chemists in natural products discovery
- Communicated effectively with wet lab scientists to address problems from a computational perspective
- Became adept at working under constant deadlines and effectively multitasking

Golding Lab, McMaster University

Sep. 2018 - Apr. 2019

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS STUDENT ([GITHUB](#))

- Investigated the relationship between horizontal gene transfer rates and CRISPR-Cas systems using novel techniques
- Built and end-to-end pipeline to download, process, analyze and visualize public genomic data
- Applied methods in network theory and statistics to reach conclusions about biological phenomena
- Presented my work in a clear, engaging way as both a final presentation and manuscript

Extracurriculars

SELEXzyme: Generating DNazymes with a Genetic Algorithm

PERSONAL PROJECT ([GITHUB](#))

Sep. 2020 - Dec. 2020

- Implemented a genetic algorithm and training an SVM model to simulate SELEX sequence optimization *in silico*
- Developed a simple, organized, well-documented codebase using Go and python
- Wrote a detailed README explaining implementation details and choices, usage details and a video demo
- Empirically validated my program results on real world data and writing a summary report

Configuration Files and Scripts

PERSONAL PROJECT ([GITHUB](#))

Mar. 2018 - Present

- Wrote concise, robust, readable bash scripts for personal utilities
- Tested individual scripts and their interactions to ensure proper functionality

Frontier College

VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Sep. 2015 - Apr. 2017

- Tutoring for high school students, mostly involving math and biology
- Going over concepts thoroughly, helping student understand difficult concepts

Skills

Programming

Proficient: Python, Bash, Vim, Git, LaTeX, R

Familiar: Rest API, Go, Matlab, Perl, Java, Cluster Computing (slurm, sungrid)

Research Languages

Literature Review, Data Mining, Data Analysis, Data Visualization, Experimental Design, Scientific Writing
English, French