# JINGHE ZHANG

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Virginia

08/2013 - Present

Doctor of Philosophy, Systems & Information Engineering

Charlottesville, VA

Concentration: Data Mining, Machine Learning, Predictive Modeling, Recommender Systems, Health Infor-

matics

Overall GPA: 3.91/4.0

# Binghamton University, State University of New York

Master of Science, Industrial & Systems Engineering

08/2011 - 05/2013

Binghamton, NY

Overall GPA: 3.76/4.0

Thesis: Predictive Modeling of Hospital Readmissions Using Metaheuristics and Data Mining

#### Hebei University of Technology

09/2007 - 06/2011

Bachelor of Science, Industrial Engineering

Tianjin, China

Overall GPA: 3.65/4.0

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# **Graduate Research Assistant**

08/2013 - Present

Department of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

# High-risk Patients Retrieval using Electronic Health Data

09/2014 - Present

- · Performed representation learning on patients' medical histories to construct feature vectors with reduced information loss than using common methods
- · Conducted metric learning on the representation of patients' medical data and discovered informative features for clinical use
- · Trained well-established classifiers, such as support vector machine, linear discriminant analysis, random forest, k nearest neighbors, etc., to discriminate patients with and without anxiety/depression
- $\cdot$  Evaluated the proposed framework by the early detection of anxiety/depression on new patients and achieved a 1%-4.5% higher accuracy compared to baseline methods

#### Care Variation among Congestive Heart Failure Patients

09/2013 - 08/2014

- · Applied vector space models to measure the similarities between congestive heart failure patients based on their medication and procedure orders
- · Utilized clustering (K-means and co-clustering using bipartite graph) and topic modeling methods to detect patient subgroups within the congestive heart failure population according to medication orders, diagnostic and demographic information
- · Implemented the above models using Spark on Hadoop clusters with significantly decreased computation time

## Text Mining on Restaurant Reviews from Yelp

03/2015 - 04/2015

- · Preprocessed 1 million restaurant reviews crawled from Yelp with tokenization, stemming, stop word removal, and normalization, to construct N-gram vector space representation for text documents and computed similarity among different documents
- · Implemented statistical language models with maximum likelihood estimation and smoothing; generated text documents from language models and evaluated the constructed N-gram language models

- · Developed a text categorization system, including feature selection, Nave Bayes and KNN classifier, to distinguish positive and negative restaurant reviews
- · Evaluated the text categorization system with 10-fold cross-validation and performed parameter tuning to explore the best configuration of KNN with brute force and random vector projection

## Designing of Spam Filter Using Machine Learning Approaches

09/2013 - 11/2013

- · Constructed static models using generalized linear regression based on principle component analysis and log transformation on the explanatory variables
- · Modeled the trend, seasonality, and random fluctuation for spam and ham using time series data
- · Combined the static and time series models using Bayes rule to further improve the performance of the spam filter

# Web Crawler and Document Analysis & Retrieval

09/2014 - 11/2014

- · Programmed a web crawler for a medical forum in Java and extracted all posts in every threaded discussion about some particular topics, such as Diet, Hypertension, etc.
- · Generated a document analyzer to tokenize, normalize, and stem the crawled documents, identified the most frequent words to compare with the standard stop words, and validated the Zipfs law
- · Built an information retrieval system to retrieve similar documents of the input queries based on vector space model and popular language models, such as BM25

# Graduate Teaching Assistant

01/2014 - 05/2014

SYS6016 Machine Learning, University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

· Gave a lecture on artificial neural networks, held office hours, and graded assignment and exams

#### Graduate Research Assistant

08/2011 - 05/2013

Watson Institute for Systems Excellence, Binghamton University Continuous Process Improvement in Healthcare, Quality Management Department, United Health Services (UHS)

Binghamton, NY

## Creative Scheduling in Cardiac Catheterization Lab

- $\cdot$  Analyzed case-level data and identified root causes for low utilization and volume variation
- · Identified patient arrival pattern and predicted resources required using queuing theory

### Prevention of Hospital Readmission

- · Collected clinical and demographic data related to patient characteristics and diagnosis and identified significant risk factors in readmission using statistical analysis
- · Accomplished prediction models using Nave Bayes, particle swarm intelligence-based support vector machine (SVM), and ensemble neural networks, and improved average classification accuracy by 22% to assist clinicians in identifying high-risk patients

#### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Jinghe Zhang**, Haoyi Xiong, Yu Huang, Hao Wu, Kevin Leach, and Laura E. Barnes. *M-SEQ*: Early Detection of Anxiety and Depression via Temporal Orders of Diagnoses in Electronic Health Data, 2015. *IEEE International Conference on Big Data (IEEE BigData 2015), Santa Clara, CA*, submitted.

Bichen Zheng, **Jinghe Zhang**, Sang Won Yoon, Sarah S. Lam, Mohammad Khasawneh, and Srikanth Poranki. Predictive modeling of hospital readmissions using metaheuristics and data mining, 2015. *Expert Systems With Applications vol.42*, no.20, pp 7110–7120.

**Jinghe Zhang**, Sarah S. Lam, and Srikanth Poranki. A Classification Model for Hospital Readmission Using Combined Neural Networks, 2013. *Proceedings of Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC)*. May 18-22. San Juan, PR.

Jinghe Zhang, Sang Won Yoon, Mohammad Khasawneh, Srikanth Poranki, and Krishnaswami Srihari. A Readmission Prediction Model Using Swarm Intelligence-based Support Vector Machine, 2013. *Proceedings of Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC)*. May 18-22. San Juan, PR.

Chanchal Saha, **Jinghe Zhang**, Sang Won Yoon, Mohammad Khasawneh, and Krishnaswami Srihari. Selection and Matching of Kidney Donor and Recipient Using Fuzzy Techniques and Analytic Hierarchy Process, 2012. *Proceedings of Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC). May* 18-22. Orlando, FL.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

National Aspiration Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the Peoples Republic of China, 2009

Commonwealth Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2013-2014

Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Virginia, 2014-2015

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Institute of Industrial Engineering (IIE)

Alpha Pi Mu Industrial Engineering Honor Society

### TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming Python, Java, R, Matlab, SQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Hadoop, Spark

Operating Systems Windows, Unix/Linux

Tools Latex, Git, SVN, Vim, Emacs, Arena, Simio, ExpertFit, Minitab, NetLogo

Certificates Lean Six Sigma Green and Black Belt from Dartmouth College

**Languages** English and Chinese