# Zhihao (Johnson) Du

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### **Education**

University of California, Berkeley

Current GPA: 3.6/4.0

Fall 2019 - Now

- Statistics, BA Modern Statistical Prediction and Machine Learning; Linear Modelling: Theory and Applications; Concepts in Computing with Data.
- Computer Science, BA Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory; Data Structures and Programming Methodology; Designing Information Devices and Systems II.

YKPao School, Shanghai

Final Grade: 40(+2)/42(+3)

Fall 2007 - Summer 2019

• International Baccalaureate bilingual diploma – Physics HL, Mathematics HL

## **Personal Experience**

**HOYO Lab** Co-Founder

March 2021 – Aug 2021

- Self-initiated, interest-driven, data-centered project on the RPG game Genshin Impact:
- Subproject I "Damage Calculator": Predicted the game's underlying damage mechanism using linear regression with stochastic regressors and feature mapping (16 features); collected data through 500+ in-game simulations; initialized the model with naïve feature map functions and finalized the feature map function through cross validation; achieved an R-squared approximately 1; displayed the final model through web app using the shinyapp package in R<sup>[1]</sup>; utilized the model and published tutorial articles that received 400,000 views and 50,000+ likes.
- Subproject II "Celestial Database": Lead a group of 3; aimed to build an in-game character power rank based on character usage in combat challenge; crawled 1000+ user profile in game associated mobile app using Python requests; overcame protection barrier using virtual headers; decoded JSON files to extract data of interest; stored and updated data in MySQL database (every 3 weeks); showcased final power rank on website [2].

# **Beijing PM2.5/PM10 Prediction**

Project Leader

Nov 2021 – Dec 2021

- Lead and coordinated group of 3; aimed to predict the real-time measurement of PM2.5/PM10in Beijing; imported data (30,000 rows, 12 features) from Beijing Environmental Monitoring Center between 2013 and 2017;
- We performed robust EDA through visualizing univariate distribution, bivariate relation, and interaction significance; employed AIC with backward stepwise selection for feature engineering; arrived with two models that was carefully diagnosed for model assumption and outliers.
- We tested our models and constructed prediction intervals; achieved final RMSE of 0.6; presented the result in a report with detailed description and diagrams.

**DataCVG** Intern

*May* 2021 – Aug 2021

- I performed extract-transform-load (ETL) using Kettle and MySQL; aimed to combine outdated spreadsheets from two data sources onto an updated data source (100+ spreadsheets).
- We constructed the architecture of destination spreadsheets by considering various primary keys along with necessary
  metadata columns; reengineered incompatible columns through grouping rows, pivoting columns, or modifying
  column datatypes; loaded the final results through merging transformed spreadsheets by matching primary keys;
  debugged the final data through a series of rigorous diagnostics for any architectural failures.
- The ETL project helped our client, Fosun Pharma, to upgrade to their newest, higher performing database system.

## **Skills**

**High level programming languages**: R, C, Python, Java; **Web development related language**: HTML, CSS, JavaScript; **Assembly language**: RISC-V; **Query language**: MySQL, SQL Server

## **Award and Honors**

**Anna Sohmen Pao Award**: Awarded for being the top 3 students in class of 2019 (high school)

#### Hobbies

**Piano** – Performed on high school graduation ceremony; **Choir** – Participated in ISCMS XII and ISCMS XIII (International Schools Choral Music Society); **Violin** – High school orchestra 2<sup>nd</sup> violinist; **Soccer** –high school varsity team left defensive midfielder.

- [1]: https://zhihao617.shinyapps.io/genshin\_basic\_damage\_calculator
- [2]: https://www.youngmoe.com