Tian Bai

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EDUCATION

McGill University, Montreal, Canada — 09.2021 — 12.2024 (exp.)
Bachelor of Science in Honours Mathematics and Computer Science — Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00
Minor in Statistics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Remote Research Collaboration — Remote
Research Assistant — 08.2024 — Present

- Developed OptCS, a framework for model-free selective inference with simultaneous model selection
- Eliminated selection bias while achieving greater statistical power than competing approaches
- Applied these innovations to challenges in drug discovery and large language model (LLM) alignment
- Supervisor: Dr. Ying Jin

McGill University — Montreal, Canada
Research Assistant — 05.2024 — Present

- Applied model-free selection inference based on conformal prediction to drug discovery and development
- Collaborated with statisticians and scientists in Merck & Co. to innovate old methods lacking statistical assurance
- Investigated generalizations of the conformal selection method to multivariate targets
- Recognized by the Science Undergraduate Research Award (SURA); Preprint published
- Supervisor: Prof. Archer Yi Yang

McGill University & MILA — Montreal, Canada
Research Assistant — 01.2024 — 08.2024

- Developed machine learning models for single-cell velocity analysis and trajectory inference
- Predicted spatial RNA velocity using graph neural networks and kriging convolutional networks
- Supervisor: Prof. Jun Ding, Prof. Archer Yi Yang

Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research & McGill University — Montreal, Canada
Research Assistant — 09.2023 — 05.2024

- Developed multiple Machine Learning (ML) models for triage acuity prediction in emergency departments
- Evaluated performance of ML models versus the Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS) using ROC-AUC, PR-AUC
- Investigated importance of predictors using SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) score
- Paper accepted by the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine
- Supervisor: Prof. Lars Grant

McGill University — Montreal, Canada
Research Assistant — 11.2022 — 04.2023

- Created software for low-latency distance approximation in C and presented a demo
- Worked with microcontrollers (ESP32) and corresponding development environment (ESP-IDF) for testing
- Integrated accelerometer, magnetometer, and gyroscope with ESP32 for pathfinder development
- Gained experience working with Raspberry Pi (model 3 and 4)
- Supervisor: Prof. Muthucumaru Maheswaran

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vffice, Inc. — Longueuil, Canada
Software Developer Intern — 05.2023 — 08.2023

- Developed Microsoft Business Central extensions in AL language for a customized management platform
- Collaborated with functional consultants to ensure seamless integration of custom solutions with various systems
- Maintained source code repository using Git, Git Bash and Microsoft Azure DevOps services
- Supervisor: Yisheng Cao

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Paper

- Grant L, Diagne M, Aroutiunian R, Hopkins D, Bai T, Kondrup F, Clark G. Machine learning outperforms the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) in predicting need for early critical care. *Accepted, Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine 2024.*

Preprint

- Bai T, Tang P, Xu Y, Svetnik V, Khalili A, Yu X, Yang A. Conformal Selection for Efficient and Accurate Compound Screening in Drug Discovery. *Preprint, ChemRxiv 2024.* `https://doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv-2024-pf3ph`

In Progress

- Optimized Conformal Selection: Preserving FDR Control After Conformity Score Optimization. *TBD*
- Multivariate Conformal Selection. *TBD*

TALKS

- Model-Free Selection Inference for Drug Discovery via Conformal Prediction. *McGill 7th Undergraduate Research Conference, August 2024.*

SELECTED ADVANCED COURSES

- MATH 680 Computation Intensive Statistics*
- COMP 551 Applied Machine Learning*
- COMP 579 Reinforcement Learning*
- MATH 523 Generalized Linear Models*
- MATH 423 Applied Regression
- MATH 454 Honours Analysis 3 (Measure Theory)
- MATH 455 Honours Analysis 4 (Functional Analysis)
- MATH 457 Honours Algebra 4 (Galois Theory)
- MATH 447 Introduction to Stochastic Processes
- COMP 421 Database Systems

*Graduate Courses. Click on the courses for more details.

AWARDS

Science Undergraduate Research Award (SURA) Montreal, Canada
15 weeks of full-time research under the supervision of a professor, with financial support
Amount: $8700 03.2024

Tomlinson Engagement Award for Mentoring Montreal, Canada
For the Helpdesk Tutor positions
Amount: $300 12.2023, 03.2024

Sir Edward Beatty Memorial Scholarships in Mathematics Montreal, Canada
For high academic standing
Amount: $2100 09.2024

A. D. Pelletier Scholarship in Mathematics and Statistics Montreal, Canada
For high academic standing
Amount: $4400 09.2023

Robert W Wilson Scholarship Montreal, Canada
For high academic standing
Amount: $2500 09.2022

Dean's Honour List Montreal, Canada
Top 10% of continuing students 09.2022, 09.2023

CERTIFICATES

Microsoft Certified: Azure Data Engineer Associate 06.2023
Microsoft Certified: Azure Developer Associate 08.2023

OTHER EXPERIENCES

McGill University Montreal, Canada
CSUS (Computer Science) Helpdesk Tutor 01.2024 — 04.2024

- Helped students tackle their assessments and understand coursework through effective teaching techniques

McGill University Montreal, Canada
Math Helpdesk Tutor 09.2023 — 12.2023

- Provided intuitive explanations and active assistance on mathematics problems

McGill University Montreal, Canada
Teaching Assistant 09.2023 — 04.2024

- (Fall 2023) MATH 350 Honours Discrete Mathematics taught by Prof. Sergey Norin
- (Winter 2024) MATH 457 Honours Algebra 4 taught by Prof. Henri Darmon

McGill University Montreal, Canada
Note-taker 09.2023 — 04.2024

- Voluntary note taking and sharing for students with disabilities at McGill University
- (Fall 2023) COMP 302 Programming Language and Paradigms
- (Winter 2024) COMP 579 Reinforcement Learning and COMP 421 Database Systems

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Competitive Programming

- Contestant, Compete McGill (competitive programming club at McGill). Team ranked 5th in the 2023 NAQ contest.
- Presentation on Mo's algorithm.
- Presentation on Advanced Dynamic Programming techniques.

SKILLS

- **Programming: Python (Pytorch, Scikit-learn), R, C/C++, Java, SQL**
- **Software/Tool: LaTeX, Git, Visual Studio, Powershell, Microsoft Azure, Rstudio**

LANGUAGES

- **English** TOEFL 112 (R 30, L 29, S 27, W 26); GRE 331 (V 161, Q 170, AWA 4.5)
- **Chinese (Mandarin)** Native