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EXPERIENCE Data Scientist

Serimmune

Jan' 2020 - Present

Goleta

Bioinformatics/Data Science

- Drove \$10M in revenue through business partnerships for biomedical projects involving complex diseases, vaccine design and cancer drug response therapy.
- Co-developed **standardized QC metrics** for NGS pipeline, led system-wide analysis to identify duplicate samples and corrupted samples **saving over 20 hours of manual effort** per month.
- Led strategic efforts cross-functionally to conduct **fundamental methods research**, investigate **machine learning models** and develop **internal dashboards** for improving **custom bioinformatics analyses**.

Data engineering/Software development

- Led strategic efforts for **optimization of data inventory** (via migration from Bigtable to BigQuery), leading to **cost savings of over \$180K** annually.
- Co-Developed and maintained automation pipelines for **most commonly used analyses** using nextflow, leading to **50% faster turnaround of projects**.

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis, CA

Master of Science, Biophysics,

Dec' 2019

(Deep learning, Population and Quant. Genetics, Comp. Drug Design, Algorithm Design)

• Thesis Project: Developed, applied and evaluated bayesian regression models for GWAS and Genomic prediction. (Github)

Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi, India

Master of Technology, Biochemical Engineering,

Aug' 2016

• Junior research fellow(JRF)(top 0.01%) in the Graduate aptitude test examination(GATE)

Indian Institute of Technology, Varanasi, India

Bachelor of Technology, Biochemical Engineering,

Aug' 2015

• secured (top 0.1%) of 450,000 students in the Joint Entrance Exam(JEE)

PROJECTS

Bio-marker discovery:

(Github)

• Identification of **significantly enriched/expressed biomarkers** using parametric and non-parametric outlier sum based algorithms.

Characterization of complex disease:

(Github)

• Applied different dimensionality reduction (UMAP) in conjuction with HDbScan to identify clustering structures of biological significance (Tumor type and Cancer subtype) for bulk RNA-Seq data.

MISC

Patent: SARS-CoV-2 SERUM ANTIBODY PROFILING

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Co-Authored Publications:

- Distinguishing features of long COVID identified through immune profiling Nature (2023)
- Utilizing the autoantibody immune response to tumor antigens for kidney cancer early detection **Journal of Clinical**

Oncology(2022)

• High-resolution epitope mapping and characterization of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in subjects with COVID-19 Commun Biol (2021)

Programming Languages: Python, Julia, Java, bash, R, MySQL

Frameworks and Tools: Keras, Scikit-learn, streamlit, shinyR, BigQuery, Bigtable, nextflow