Brian Neal — Curriculum Vitae

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Education

MA Mathematics San Francisco State University, expected May 2022
Thesis: An adaptive multivariate kernel-based test for association with multiple quantitative traits in high-dimensional data

BA Economics University of California at Santa Cruz, June 2010
Summa cum laude and Honors in the Economics major

Awards and Honors

- Travel award from the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the American Statistical Association to present at the Joint Statistical Meetings, August 2021 (competitive award)

Manuscripts in Progress

- Neal, Brian and He, Tao. "An adaptive multivariate kernel-based test for association with multiple quantitative traits in high-dimensional data." In progress. Planned submission to Genetic Epidemiology.

Conference Presentations

- Neal, Brian and He, Tao. "An adaptive multivariate kernel-based test for association with multiple quantitative traits in high-dimensional data." Speed presentation. Joint Statistical Meetings, August 2021.

Research Experience

- Neal, Brian and He, Tao. *An adaptive multivariate kernel-based test for association with multiple quantitative traits in high-dimensional data.* (MA thesis, in progress)
  - Developed an adaptive nonparametric kernel-based test of association between a high-dimensional feature set and a multivariate quantitative response with supervised methods for kernel selection and feature selection
  - Developed methods to reduce the variance of the P-value estimator for the test
  - Implemented the proposed test in `C++` and developed an accompanying `R` package interface for its practical use

- Designed simulation studies in `R` to empirically evaluate the proposed methodology (code available at `github.com/brianpatrickneal/AMKAT_simstudy`)
- *(In progress)* Applied the proposed test to genetic and neuroimaging data from an Alzheimer's study

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Instructional Experience

Graduate Teaching Associate

San Francisco State University
Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

Instructor of record for over 300 students across 10 course sections totaling 22 semester units. Duties included lecturing; designing and planning course curriculum and content; grading; holding office hours; facilitating group work for class sizes ranging from under 20 to over 40.

Primary instructor for the following courses:

Math 122 Mathematics for Statistical Quantitative Reasoning
Spring 2019 – Spring 2020 (5 sections)

Math 123 Mathematics for Elementary Statistics
Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Math 60 Entry Level Math
Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Instruct'l Student Assistant

San Francisco State University
Fall 2018 – present

Graded quizzes and homework for 16 upper-division and graduate course sections in probability and statistics.

Grader for the following courses:

Math 748 Theory & Applications of Statistical & Machine Learning
Fall 2021

Math 442 Probability Models
Fall 2019, 2020, 2021

Math 440 Probability Theory
Fall 2018 – Fall 2021 (6 sections)

Math 448 Introduction to Statistical Learning & Data Mining
Spring 2020, 2021, 2022

Math 324 Probability & Statistics with Computing
Spring 2019, 2020, 2021 (4 sections)

Software

- AMKAT: An Adaptive Multivariate Kernel-Based Association Test. R package. `https://www.github.com/brianpatrickneal/AMKAT`

Professional Development

- *Empowering the Statistician with Spark, Machine Learning and Deep Learning.* ASA traveling short course. Online, October 9 – 10, 2021

Technical Skills

Languages	`R`, `C++`, `Python`
Markup	LaTeX, `Markdown`
Software Development	◦ `R` packages with `C/C++` integration ◦ Version control and sharing with Git/GitHub ◦ Unit testing, `R` documentation files and vignettes, style standards, licensing and copyright
Software & Platform Knowledge	◦ `Stata` statistical software package ◦ `Armadillo` `C++` library for fast linear algebra and scientific computing ◦ `Rcpp` `R/C++` interface and syntactic sugar ◦ Parallel computing in `R` with `foreach`, `iterators` and `doParallel` ◦ Distributed computing with Apache Spark via Databricks platform or `sparklyr` `R`/Apache Spark interface ◦ `PLINK` software toolkit for managing and analyzing genomic data

Relevant Coursework

Graduate	Measure and Integration, Advanced Linear Algebra, Real Analysis, Commutative Algebra and Algebraic Geometry, Theory of Rings, Modules and Field Extensions
Undergraduate	Statistical Learning and Data Mining, Mathematical Statistics, Probability Theory, Probability Models, Linear and Discrete Optimization, Complex Analysis, Group Theory, Number Theory, Mathematical Proof, Advanced Econometrics

References

Tao He hetao@sfsu.edu	Assistant Professor, San Francisco State University *MA Thesis advisor; Grading supervisor* *Instructor: Statistical Learning and Data Mining*
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