

# Chunji Wang

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## EDUCATION

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- **University of Southern California** *Ph.D. in Neuroscience* Los Angeles, CA, 2011/07 – 2017/08
- **Tsinghua University** *B.S. in Physics* Beijing, China, 2007/07 – 2011/07

## SKILLS

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- **Theories:** Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Deep Learning, Statistics
- **Languages:** Python, R, Scala, Matlab, SQL, Java, Mathematica, C#
- **Technologies:** Git, MySQL, Spark, AWS-EMR, Linux, Shiny, Kinect, CKAN

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **Rule14 LLC** *Data Scientist* Santa Monica, CA, 2017/10 – present
  - **Utility Load Forecast:** Built utility load forecast models for millions of customers; integrated it with relational databases; automated back-end model training and testing.
  - **Customer Churn Prediction:** Built Gradient Boosted Trees to predict churn probabilities of millions of customers via xgboost.
- **Innovation Solutions** *Data Scientist Intern* Santa Ana, CA, 2015/06 – 2016/05
  - **Summary:** Developed applications to record, analyze and report human movement kinematics and performance during Kinect video games and exercises.
  - **Data Acquisition:** Implemented a body recorder application to acquire Kinect skeleton data and smooth it with an Unscented Kalman Filter (Matlab & C#), which reduced signal noise by  $\sim 90\%$ .
  - **Data Analysis:** Implemented an application to calculate human anatomical joint angles from Kinect skeleton data (Matlab & C#), allowing further analysis of human movement patterns in anatomical terms.
  - **Report and Visualization:** Designed and implemented a web application to report full kinematics performance history to users and physical therapists (R, Shiny & SQL) with intuitive graphics.

## DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS

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- **Word Prediction:** Developed the application `wordpred` to predict the most likely following word in real time while a user is typing. Tokenized 2GB text data to train an ngram model. Deployed via the Shiny framework.
- **Topic Modeling:** Grouped unlabeled textual documents and inferred latent semantic structures via Python. Extracted features by Term Frequency - Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF). Trained K-means and Latent Dirichlet Allocation(LDA) models. Identified latent topics and keywords of each document for clustering and calculated document similarity. Visualized results by Principal Component Analysis (PCA).

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- **Movement Planning:** Simulated human arm movement in state space via Optimal Control Theory implemented by iterative Linear-Quadratic Regulator and Dynamic Programming in Matlab. Showed that a moderate movement velocity achieves better accuracy than a slow or fast velocity.
- **Movement Learning:** Analyzed 10+GB upper extremity kinematics data via Matlab, R, and SQL. Extracted movement patterns and variability patterns via dimension reduction methods. Showed that healthy movement patterns facilitate movement learning and recovery.
- **Movement Learning Prediction:** Developed dynamical State Space Model with Mixed Effects to investigate the effects of rehabilitation training, allowing customization of training schedule and prediction of future performance for each individual.