Professional STATEMENT

A tech enthusiast by passion and scientist at heart, I bring creative approaches to solving wicked problems. Over the years I have delivered projects and developed my skills in building bioinformatics workflows and machine learning models. Now, with a unique blend of Biology, Engineering, and Computational background - I want to leverage these increasing experiences to tackle multidisciplinary challenges and provide insights.

EDUCATION

M.Sc. Molecular and Cellular Life Sciences, track Computational Biology 2020 cumulative grade - 7.66/10Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands

B.Tech. Chemical Engineering

2014 cumulative grade - 7.02/10

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India

Professional EXPERIENCE

Genotype-phenotype mapping via deep learning, CWI Amsterdam

Oct'18 - Feb'20

- o developed a novel deep convolutional neural network to investigate potential epistasis effects across microbial pangenomes (sample-code, report); method is suitable for complex biomarker discovery
- o deployed model training and validations on GPUs on the High Performance Cluster on cloud servers
- o benchmarked the deep learning architecture; performance comparable to an Elastic-Net regression

Teaching assistant, Chemistry, Universiteit Utrecht

Mav'18 - Jun'18

o responsible for the supervision and mentoring of 20 students for the course biomolecular chemistry

Phage-host prediction via machine learning, Theoretical Biology and Bioinformatics Jul'17 - Sep'18

- o feature engineering of genomic phage-host adaptations and multi-dimensional data integration
- o implemented machine learning algorithms (Random Forests) on large-scale datasets binary classification
- o achieved > 90% classification accuracy and identified salient features that maximize class discrimination

Junior research fellow, Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay

o developed a stochastic model (employing Gillespie algorithm) for investigating the distribution of mutations in evolving microbial populations; neutral mutations dominate the rate of genome evolution

KEY ACADEMIC

Literature review, Universität Bielefeld

Apr'20 - Aug'20

Projects

o authored Age is not just 'a' number: through the lens of systems physiology (thesis, top 10% grade)

Research fellowship, TU Kaiserslautern, Germany

Mav'13 - Jul'13

o designed and performed experiments for understanding the protein folding mechanisms & the intermittent states of maltose-binding protein, via electron paramagnetic resonance

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Nov'18 - Nov'19 NWO Scholarship for traineeship at CWI Amsterdam May'13 - Jul'13 Scholarship for summer internship at TU Kaiserslautern Secured All India Rank 843 (top 0.3%) in IIT-JEE amongst 500,000+ students 2010

Graduate Record Examination: Quantitative: 163/170, Verbal: 156/170, Total: 319/340 2016School merit list: national 10th grade examination with 94% aggregate marks 2010

Programming

Languages: Python, C++, Bash, R, Scilab, Matlab, LATEX

SKILLS

Workflows: TensorFlow, conda, git, Jupyter, scikit-learn, Numpy

Machine Learning: deep neural networks including GPU implementations, Random Forests, Elastic-Net

Positions of RESPONSIBILITY Life Science Representatives, GSLS, UU Sep'16 - Feb'17 May'11 - Apr'12 Film and Media Secretary, Hostel 2, IIT-Bombay

Sergeant, National Cadet Corps, 4-MP Battalion

Apr'06 - Mar'07

EXTRACURRICULAR Clubs: involved with Pixels - the photography club of IIT Bombay ('11-'14)

Interests: meditation, podcasts, scientific communication, nutrition and ketogenesis

Sports: power-lifting, squash, badminton, biking, trekking

Hobbies: photography, experimental cooking, travelling, electronic music

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