# Jia-Zhen Zou

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#### Education

National Taichung University of Science and Technology (NUTC / NTCUST) Taichung, Taiwan M.S. in Computer Science and Information Engineering 2022 - Present National Taichung University of Science and Technology Taichung, Taiwan B.B.A. in Applied Statistics

#### **Publication**

## P1 Study and Forecast of Cases of Flu and Their Complications

Jia-Zhen Zou, Jau-Chuan Ke, Yu-Hung Chien et al. Journal of the Chinese Statistical Association (JCSA), 2021

## **Experience**

### National Taichung University of Science and Technology

Taichung, Taiwan

Applied Statistics Teaching Assistant(TA)

2018 - 2025

2017 - 2021

- **Problem:** No legal digital Minitab resources for 50 students (\$150/book, \$1,800/license).
- Action & Result:
  - Developed free Python-based teaching materials—migrated 48 exercises into Pandas/NumPy/Statsmodels/Matplotlib code;
  - Automating workflows to cut analysis time by 37% (48-hour feedback) and boosting average grades by 15% across 500+ assignments.

## Awards and Projects (see kasazou.me)

Frist Place, 2024 TBIA Dataathon

Biodiversity Research Center, Academia Sinica

2024

- Problem: In a one-month Dataathon, our four-member team—assembled on the same day after a workshop faced limited TBIA open data, inconsistent citizen-science records, and missing geocoordinates, yet needed to build an actionable dashboard in one week(2 weeks of prep, 1 week of build).
- Action & Result:
  - Led data pipelines in Python (Pandas, NumPy, requests, pyinaturalist, datetime) to clean and standardize data —filtering to 500+ high-quality records—and deployed an interactive Tableau dashboard in under 7 days;
  - Earning 1st place out of 12 teams and a showcased our poster at the Citizen Science Carnival.

**Second Place**, Project Competition (see P1)

Applied Statistics, NUTC / NTCUST

2020

- o Problem: In 2020, while global attention centered on COVID-19, influenza and its complications still ranked among Taiwan's top 10 causes of death; we needed to understand its seasonal dynamics under pandemic conditions and build a reliable short-term forecasting model.
- Action & Result:
  - o Collected and preprocessed 655 weeks of CDC flu data—applying log transforms, differencing, and stationarity tests—then implemented ARIMA/SARIMA, Croston's, and Holt-Winters models in Python.
  - Achieved short-term forecast accuracy with MAPE < 10% (as measured by MAD and RMSE) by the pipeline,</li> providing insights to inform public health decisions.

#### Skills

**Programming Languages:** Python (primary), SQL, R (basic), HTML / CSS (Web crawler basic)

Tools and Frameworks: Git, Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, Tableau, PowerBI, SPSS, Minitab

Knowledge: Time Series Forecasting, Statistical Machine Learning, Data Visualization

Languages: Chinese (native), English