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Research Interests

Research interests focusing on understanding genetic mechanisms of complex diseases using computational approaches

Research Experience

Diabetes Research Center, Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston, MA

BIOINFORMATICS SPECIALIST / SUPERVISOR: DR. MIRIAM UDLER

July 2019 - June 2021

- Developed and coordinated a high-throughput genetic variant processing pipeline in Perl and R and identified shared biological pathways among cardiometabolic diseases from associations between variants and phenotypes based on a soft clustering method
- Chosen to present genetic clustering results of Type 2 Diabetes at *American Diabetes Association* and *International Genetic Epidemiology Society* virtual meetings

Quackenbush Laboratory, Harvard School of Public Health

Boston, MA

GRADUATE RESEARCHER / ADVISOR: DR. JOHN QUACKENBUSH

September 2018 - May 2019

- Constructed separate gene regulatory networks for male and female cases and normal samples in head & neck cancer RNA-seq data from TCGA using PANDA (Passing Attributes between Networks for Data Assimilation) package in R
- Identified differential modularity associated with defense response and immune system process between male and female gene regulatory networks in head & neck cancer using ALPACA (ALtered Partitions Across Community Architectures) package in R

Division of Clinical Bioinformatics, Seoul National University Hospital

Seoul, Korea

RESEARCH INTERN / ADVISOR: DR. KWANGSOO KIM

June - July 2018

- Constructed and analyzed gene interaction networks among differentially expressed genes in thyroid cancer in Python using co-expression information from TCGA thyroid cancer RNA-seq data
- Built gene regulatory networks of different subtypes (classical and follicular) of thyroid cancer using PANDA package in R to compare the key genes of thyroid cancer subtypes

Data Engineering Laboratory, Yonsei University

Seoul, Korea

RESEARCH ASSISTANT / ADVISOR: DR. SANGHYUN PARK

July 2014 - December 2015

- Performed literature review of current text mining techniques for inferring hidden relationships from biological literature
- Developed a novel movie recommender system in Java that applies rating tendencies of users by normalizing scores using users' past rating history
- Presented key findings of movie recommender system at *Proceedings of Korea Computer Congress* and published a manuscript in *Journal of Database Research* in Korea

Education

The University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GENETICS

September 2021 - Present

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Boston, MA

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY AND QUANTITATIVE GENETICS

September 2017 - May 2019

- Relevant courseworks: Regression analysis, Genomic data manipulation, Computing skills for biomedical informatics, Epidemiologic research methods, Data mining and risk prediction

Yonsei University

Seoul, Korea

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

March 2011 - August 2016

- Relevant courseworks: Engineering information processing, Probability and statistics, Software capstone design, Data structures, Data mining, Artificial intelligence

Skills

Programming Skills

R, Perl, Python, SQL, JAVA, C++, SAS, Stata and cluster computing

Language Skills

Fluent in English (TOEFL: 102 / GRE: Verb 158, Quant 170, Writing 4.0) and intermediate level in Chinese (Chinese Proficiency Test, Level 4: 272/300)

Soft Skills

Accomplished team player, effective communicator, highly adaptable, keen learner, well organized and results-oriented

Publications

- **Hyunkyoung Kim**, Kenneth Westerman, Joshua Chiou, Joanne Cole, Tim Majarian, Marcin von Grotthuss, Josep Mercader, Soo Heon Kwak, Jaegil Kim, Jose Florez, Kyle Gaulton, Alisa Manning, and Miriam Udler, “High-throughput Genetic Clustering of Type 2 Diabetes Loci Reveals Heterogeneous Mechanistic Pathways of Metabolic Disease,” 2021. (Manuscript in preparation)
- Melissa Zhao, Yushi Tang, **Hyunkyoung Kim**, and Kohei Hasegawa, “Machine Learning With K-Means Dimensional Reduction for Predicting Survival Outcomes in Patients With Breast Cancer,” *Cancer Informatics*, 2018.
- **Hyunkyoung Kim**, Hyunjin Kim, and Sanghyun Park, “Movie Recommendation Method Using Score Normalization Based on User Rating Tendency,” *Journal of Database Research*, 2016. (in Korean)

Conference Presentations

- **Hyunkyoung Kim**, Marcin von Grotthuss, Josep Mercader, Jaegil Kim, Kyle Gaulton, Joshua Chiou, Jose Florez, Alisa Manning, and Miriam Udler, “Expanded Genetic Clustering of Type 2 Diabetes Loci Using a High-throughput Pipeline Reveals Mechanistic Pathways of Metabolic Diseases,” *American Society of Human Genetics 2021* (Poster)
- **Hyunkyoung Kim**, Marcin von Grotthuss, Josep Mercader, Jaegil Kim, Kyle Gaulton, Joshua Chiou, Jose Florez, Alisa Manning, and Miriam Udler, “Expanded clustering of Type 2 diabetes genetic loci using high throughput approach,” *International Genetic Epidemiology Society 2020* (Poster)
- **Hyunkyoung Kim**, Marcin von Grotthuss, Josep Mercader, Jaegil Kim, Kyle Gaulton, Joshua Chiou, Jose Florez, Alisa Manning, and Miriam Udler, “High Throughput Approach Enables Expanded Clustering of Type 2 Diabetes Genetic Loci Informed by Phenotypic Associations,” *American Diabetes Association 2020* (Poster)
- **Hyunkyoung Kim**, Hyunjin Kim, and Sanghyun Park, “Movie Recommendation Method Using User Rating Tendency Based on Rating Difference between Items,” *Proceedings of Korea Computer Congress 2015*, Jeju, Korea (Poster)

Awards

2017 **Harvard Chan Central Grant**, Harvard Chan School of Public Health

Boston, MA

Other Experience

Korea Institute of Patent Information

Seoul, Korea

STAFF - PATENT TRANSLATION

March - June 2017

- Translated Korean Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) international patent application documents in order to protect domestic intellectual property rights, and to utilize and broaden Korean patent information through removal of a language barrier