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Education

- 2017 - Present Johns Hopkins University
PhD in Applied Mathematics and Statistics
Master of Science in Engineering in Applied Mathematics and Statistics
Advised by Professor Carey Priebe
GPA: 4.0/4.0
- 2013 - 2017 University of Wisconsin-Madison
Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Actuarial Science and Mathematics
Advised by Professor Marjorie Rosenberg
GPA: 3.73/4.0, Actuarial Science Major GPA: 4.0/4.0
Graduated with Distinction

Publications

1. *Vertex Nomination, an Adversary, and Countering that Adversary*
Joshua Agterberg, Youngser Park, Jonathan Larson, Chris White, Carey Priebe, and Vince Lyzinski, in preparation.
2. *A Clustering Method for Categorical Variables to Predict High Health Expenditures*
Joshua Agterberg, Fanghao Zhong, Richard Crabb, and Margie Rosenberg, in preparation.

Talks

- 4/23/2019 "Vertex Nomination, Consistent Estimation, Adversarial Modification," *Applied Math and Statistics Student Seminar*, JHU

Research Activities

- Summer 2018 DARPA D3M Summer workshop
- Implemented Python code for graph-related problems for the D3M (Data-Driven Discovery of Models) summer workshop in Arlington, VA, under the direction of Professors Youngser Park and Carey Priebe. Responsibilities included updating primitives (individual algorithms), editing pipelines (collections of algorithms), and submitting results for formal evaluation.
- 2017 - 2018 iGraphMatch
- Wrote R code for splrMatrix object (a sparse plus low-rank matrix) for faster calculations and cheaper storage of centered adjacency matrices in the iGraphMatch R package under direction of Professors Daniel Sussman and Carey Priebe.

2017 - 2018 `catDist` R Package

Personal project implementing several different categorical dissimilarity measures for use with K-Medoids and spectral clustering methods.

Honors and Awards

Spring 2017 Graduated with distinction (top 20% of graduating business students)
Spring 2017 DW Simpson Scholarship
Fall 2016 Bicknell Scholarship
2013-2014 Arthur C. Nielsen Scholarship
2013 Directly Admitted to Wisconsin School of Business
2014-2017 Dean's list (>3.8 Semester GPA – achieved five separate times)

Professional Experience

2018 - Present **Research Assistant**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Research assistant to Professor Carey Priebe in the Applied Mathematics and Statistics Department. Investigating statistical properties of random matrices, the generalized random dot product graph, and theoretical properties of vertex nomination. Also working with Joshua Cape of JHU, Daniel Sussman of Boston University, Vince Lyzinski of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and Youngser Park at Johns Hopkins.

2017 **Analytics Intern**, CNA Financial, Chicago, IL

Examined the predictive value of FDA data on losses for products and professional liability for medical devices.

Cleaned and edited FDA data to merge with internal data and Dun and Bradstreet data. Modeled losses in R using a GLM with Tweedie family and log-link to account for zero-inflation.

Created univariate with-without plots to examine effect of specific FDA variables on losses

2016 **Actuarial Intern**, CNA Financial, Chicago, IL

Developed a Markov Chain model for predicting the probability of payment for insurance claims given the current legal state.

Generated piecewise linear splines to implement time dependence of Markov Model.

2013 **Actuarial Intern**, CUNA Mutual Group, Madison, WI

Created spreadsheets from scratch to replicate GAAP and Statutory reserves results from PolySystems for equity-indexed annuity policies as a control for auditors.

Analyzed mortality experience study data in Excel by comparing actual to expected ratios with the proposed new table and helped management determine to use new table across all annuity products.

Teaching

Johns Hopkins University (Applied Mathematics and Statistics)

Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant for 553.762 Nonlinear Optimization II for Professor Daniel Robinson
Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant for 553.730 Statistical Theory for Professor Carey Priebe
Summer 2018 Instructor for Financial Mathematics Master's Program Statistics Review

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Wisconsin School of Business, Risk and Insurance)

Spring 2017 Grader for ActSci 655 Health Analytics for Professor Margie Rosenberg
Fall 2016 Grader for ActSci 651 Life Contingencies II for Professor Paul Johnson
Spring 2016 Grader for ActSci 650 Life Contingencies I for Professor Margie Rosenberg

University of Wisconsin-Madison (School of Music)

Spring 2015-Spring 2017, Private Piano Instructor

Skills and Qualifications

Proficient in R, Java, Python, Linux, Git, C++ (Rcpp), Matlab, LaTeX, Microsoft Excel, and VBA

Actuarial exams passed: Exam P (July 2014); Exam FM (February 2015), Exam MFE (July 2016); Fulfilled Econ, Finance, and Statistics VEE