Jesse Zhang

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EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

09/2014-Present

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering (anticipated 2019)

Research interests: Machine Learning, Statistics, Genomics

Advisor: David Tse

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

09/2014-06/2016

M.S., Electrical Engineering

Tufts University, Medford, MA

09/2010-05/2014

B.S., Electrical Engineering

Newton South High School, Newton, MA

09/2006-06/2010

Work Experience

Grail, Menlo Park, CA

Computational Biology Contractor Computational Biology Intern

12/2017-08/2018

08/2017-12/2017

• Building classifiers and other machine learning tools using Python and R for analysis of cancer genomics data

Cellular Research, Menlo Park, CA

Bioinformatics Intern

06/2016-09/2016

- Worked on ResolveTM system as part of an interdisciplinary team of biologists, engineers, and bioinformaticians
- Designed a Python library for automated analysis of high-dimensional single-cell RNA-seq data (clustering and feature selection)

Stanford MIIL, Stanford, CA

EE PhD rotation student

09/2014-12/2014

- Simulated small animal CZT PET system with variable aperture using GATE software
- Created MATLAB algorithms for testing normalization methods on simulated data

MC10, Inc., Cambridge, MA

R&D Intern

05/2014-08/2014

- Implemented machine learning and signal processing MATLAB algorithms to facilitate real-time and offline accelerometer data analysis
- Collaboratively optimized hardware-software interface

MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, MA

Electrical Engineering Co-op for Group 33 Electrical Engineering Intern for Group 33

09/2013-05/2014 06/2013-08/2013

- Developed MATLAB algorithms to intelligently extract trace from ionogram images
- Created graphical user interface in MATLAB to facilitate ionogram image processing

Tufts Biomedical Engineering Department, Medford, MA

Researcher under supervision of David Kaplan, Ph.D.

09/2011-08/2012

- Designed and constructed gold circuits on silk scaffolds using soldering, gold sputter coating, and AutoCAD to control and detect neuronal signals
- Processed and analyzed neuronal signals using MATLAB and pCLAMP software

Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

Researcher under supervision of Myles Brown, M.D.

05/2011-08/2011

- Conducted experiments to define role of lysine-specific demethylase 1 in human hormone dependent and independent prostate cancer
- Performed computational analysis of results using MS Excel, python and cistrome.org

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EE 372: Data Science for High-Throughput Sequencing, Stanford, CA

Teaching Assistant
Teaching Assistant

01/2018-03/2018

03/2016-06/2016

- Worked with academic advisor and fellow group member to design the first course in the Stanford electrical engineering department on computational problems in genomics
- Prepared lecture notes, led recitation sections, wrote questions for problem sets, designed and updated a course website: data-science-sequencing.github.io

Stanford Athletic Academic Resource Center, Stanford, CA

Tutor

03/2016-06/2016

• Tutored probabilistic systems analysis for three Stanford undergraduate athletes

Tufts Academic Resource Center, Medford, MA

Head Tutor Resident Head Tutor 08/2013-05/2014

08/2012-05/2013

- Tutored introductory physics, introductory chemistry, calculus III, differential equations, and linear algebra
- Held large-scale review sessions, weekly office hours, 1-on-1 sessions

PAPERS

Zhang, J. M., Fan, J., Fan, H. C., Rosenfeld, D., & David, N. T. (2018). An Interpretable Framework for Clustering Single-Cell RNA-Seq Datasets. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 19(1), 93.

Feizi, S., Javadi, H., **Zhang, J. M.**, & David, N. T. (2017). Porcupine Neural Networks: (Almost) All Local Optima are Global. arXiv preprint arXiv:1710.02196.

Ntranos, V.*, Kamath, G. M.*, **Zhang, J. M.**,* Pachter, L., & David, N. T. (2016). Fast and accurate single-cell RNA-Seq analysis by clustering of transcript-compatibility counts. *Genome biology*, 17(1), 1. (*equal contributors)

Cai, C., He, H. H., Gao, S., Chen, S., Yu, Z., Gao, Y., Chen, S., Chen, M.W., **Zhang, J.**, Ahmed, M., Wang, Y., Metzger, E., Schüle, R., Liu, X. S., Brown, M., & Balk, S. P. (2014). Lysine-specific demethylase 1 has dual functions as a major regulator of androgen receptor transcriptional activity. *Cell reports*, 9(5), 1618-1627.

Invited Talks	Tufts University electrical engineering seminar Becton Dickinson seminar	04/2018 06/2016
Honors and	National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship	
Awards	Honorable mention	03/2016
	Tufts University	
	Summa Cum Laude	05/2014
	The Amos Emerson Dolbear Scholarship (\$1355.25)	04/2014
	The Class of 1898 Prize (\$1983.91)	04/2014
	Tau Beta Pi	11/2012
	Eta Kappa Nu	10/2012
	Howard Sample Prize Scholarship in Physics (\$566.33)	04/2012
	Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England CCBA Scholarship (\$2500.00)	12/2010
	Junior Achievement of Northern New England Stephen G. Sullivan Scholarship (\$1000.00)	06/2010

SKILLS Languages: Python, R, MATLAB, C++, Bash

Packages: Jupyter, TensorFlow, CVX, NumPy, SciPy, scikit-learn, Git, LATEX