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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

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Spatial mapping of single cells using single-cell RNA-seq

Collaboration with R. Chiang, V. Ntranos, M. Snyder, and D. Tse

• Developing computational strategies for estimating 3D spatial orientation of cells using data produced by a novel single-cell RNA-seq approach

Deep models for learning in genomics

Collaboration with F.Farnia, G.Kamath, and D.Tse

- Designing models for sequence-level prediction of genomic features
- Developing theory for initializing weights in unsupervised deep networks

Single-cell RNA-seq clustering using transcript compatibility counts

Collaboration with V. Ntranos, G. Kamath, L. Pachter, and D. Tse

- Developed and implemented novel concept of clustering cells from single-cell RNA-seq datasets based on transcript compatibility counts
- Published work in Genome Biology's Single Cell Omics Special Issue

Single-cell RNA-seq analysis using deep autoencoders and rPCA

Collaboration with B. Wang, J. Zhu, and S. Batzoglou

• Developed method for cleaning single-cell RNA-seq data by implementing a modified version of rPCA. Augmented the rPCA objective with a gene-similarity matrix estimated using a deep autoencoder

Work Experience

Cellular Research, Menlo Park, CA

06/2016-09/2016

Bioinformatics Intern

- 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

09/2014-12/2014

EE PhD rotation student

- 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

05/2014-08/2014

R&D Intern

- 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

06/2013-05/2014

Electrical Engineering Intern/Co-op for Group 33

- 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 09/2011-08/2012 Researcher under supervision of David Kaplan, Ph.D.

- 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

05/2011-08/2011

Researcher under supervision of Myles Brown, M.D.

- 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 HT Sequencing, Stanford, CA

03/2016-06/2016

Teaching Assistant

- 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, designed and updated a course website

Stanford Athletic Academic Resource Center, Stanford, CA 03/2016-06/2016 Tutor

• Tutored probabilistic systems analysis for three Stanford undergraduate athletes

Tufts Academic Resource Center, Medford, MA

08/2012-05/2014

06/2010

Head Tutor

- 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

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.

National Science Foundation Graduate Followship

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	
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SKILLS

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

Stephen G. Sullivan Scholarship (\$1000.00)

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