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EDUCATION

• University of Wisconsin Madison

Ph.D. in Statistics;

Madison, WI

Sep. 2020 - present

• University of Wisconsin Madison

Master of Science in Data Science; GPA: 4.00

Madison, WI

Aug. 2018 - May. 2020

• University of California, Los Angeles

Visiting Student (Summer session); GPA: 4.00

Los Angeles, CA

Aug. 2017 - Sep. 2017

• Zhejiang University

Bachelor of Science in Statistics; GPA: 3.71

Hangzhou, China Aug. 2015 – Jun. 2019

PROJECTS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Build and select models for hemopoiesis prediction

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Dec. 2018

Madison, WI

STAT 601: course project

- Modeling: Use LASSO, PCA to reduce data dimension and fit linear model that is capable for high-dimensional data. Evaluate models using GMC (generalized measure of correlation), which evaluates non-linear relationship.
- **Application**: Select the principal components or genes that contribute most to the response. Select best models using different standards. Interpret the findings.

Tweet sentiment analysis

Mar. 2019 - May. 2019

NLP project using deep learning methods

Madison, WI

- Train neural network models: Build 3-class sentiment classifiers for Sentiment 140 dataset, which contains 1.6 million tweets.
- Model performance comparison: Compare different deep learning methods with traditional machine learning model using criteria of training speed and prediction accuracy. Reach 90% accuracy in 3-class classification.
- Generating amino acid sequence for protein synthesis

Aug. 2019 - May. 2020

collaborative research project(Prof. Raschka and Prof. Romero)

Madison, WI

- Modeling: Implement character-level recurrent neural network and transformer model to learn patterns of amino acid sequences. Model long-range dependencies in the sequence data.
- **Evaluation**: Use reconstruction accuracy and secondary structure to serve as semantic meaning in text generation.

• Yelp Business Analysis

Oct. 2019 - Dec. 2019

STAT 628: course project

Madison, WI

- Data cleaning and visualization: Clean 1 million bar business review data and merge corresponding business, user, tip information. Visualize word importance based on TF-IDF.
- Topic Modeling: Implement LDA and NMF in python based on review and user weight. Use TC-W2V coherence to evaluate topic quality. Provide specific advice to 8000 bar business owners.
- Interactive shiny app: Build shiny app to present procedure of analysis and provide real-time suggestions for improvements.

Specialized Skills

- Related Courses: Mathematical statistics, Real analysis, Regression analysis, Mathematical software, Multi-variate statistical analysis, Deep learning
- Software: Proficient in R and Python, experienced in SQL, Latex and C
- Standardized Tests:

TOEFL iBT: 111 (R:29, L:30, W:26, S:26)

GRE: 324 (V:154, Q:170, AW:3)

Honor and Awards

- 2015-2016: Zhejiang University Academic Excellence Award
- 2017: Winner of the 15th Statistical Modeling Contest at Zhejiang University
- 2018-2019: Exchange & Visiting International Student Academic Excellence Award (twice)