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### EDUCATION

• University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D. in Statistics; GPA: 3.91 Master of Science in Data Science; GPA: 4.00 Visiting Student; GPA: 4.00

• Zhejiang University

Bachelor of Science in Statistics; GPA: 3.71

Madison, WI

Sep. 2020 - present Aug. 2019 - May. 2020

Aug. 2018 - May. 2019

Aug. 2015 - Jun. 2019

Hangzhou, China

# Projects and Research Experience

Selecting the number of principal components

Advisor: Karl Rohe, University of Wisconsin-Madison

May. 2021 - current

Madison, WI

Aug. 2020 - current

• Hypothesis test: Developed a hypothesis testing procedure based on the bi-cross-validated eigenvalues that selects a reasonable number of principal components.

• Generating amino acid sequence for protein synthesis

Madison, WI

Advisor: Sebastian Raschka, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- o Model structure: Integrated a GPT-based generative model and a BERT-based discriminative model as a semi-adversarial network to facilitate directed protein evolution.
- o Discriminative model: Pre-trained BERT using unlabeled protein sequence dataset. Fine-tuned the pre-trained model and reached 68% accuracy on 8-class secondary structure classification task using Pytorch.
- Generative model: Modified existed proteins using GPT-based model under the combined loss of protein activity score and secondary structure prediction.
- Citation graph analysis on semantic scholar dataset

Sep. 2020 - Dec. 2020

STAT 992: course project

Madison, WI

- o Journal clustering: Aggregated the citation network of 220 millions papers by journals. Applied VSP (vintage sparse PCA) on the citation graph and obtained journal field membership based on citation patterns.
- o Statistical paper analysis: Focused on the Statistics-related journal cluster and zoomed into paper-wise citation graph. Applied VSP and bff (best feature function) to obtain clustered statistical methods.
- o Trend analysis: Selected statistical methods of interest and tracked their development over time based on the appearance in papers' abstract.

### • Yelp Business Analysis

STAT 628: course project

Oct. 2019 - Dec. 2019

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- o Data cleaning and visualization: Cleaned 1 million bar business review data and merged corresponding business, user, tip information. Visualize word importance based on TF-IDF.
- o Topic Modeling: Implemented LDA and NMF in python based on review and user weight. Used TC-W2V coherence to evaluate topic quality. Provided specific advice to 8000 bar business owners.
- Web app: Built interactive shiny app to present procedure of analysis and provide real-time suggestions for improvements.

#### SKILLS

- Software: Proficient in R and Python, experienced in SQL, Matlab and C
- Packages: Pytorch, Transformers, Pandas, Numpy
- Related Coursework: Mathematical Statistics, Statistical Learning, Experimental Design, Regression and Analysis of Variance, Nonlinear Optimization, Theoretical Machine Learning, Algorithms

## 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)