Texas A&M University, Department of Statistics

Education

Texas A&M University College Station, Texas

PhD Candidate, Statistics

Aug 2017 - May 2022 (expected)

Scholarships & Awards: Ruth J. and Howard F. Newton Graduate Student Teaching Award (2019), Graduate Merit Scholarship (2017)

University of Pennsylvania
BA, Mathematics (Minor: Philosophy)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Aug 2013 - May 2017

• Graduated \textit{magna cum laude}

Experience

EMD Serono, Merck KgaA Billerica, MA (remote)

PHARMACOMETRY INTERN May 2020-Aug 2020

- · Implemented a novel Bayesian experiment design for dose escalation in Phase I clinical trials in oncology using R and Stan
- · Conducted simulation studies to compare the design method to rule-based and model-based designs
- Accepted for a poster session hosted by ASCPT

H-E-B San Antonio, TX

Data Science Intern May 2018–Aug 2018

- Implemented recommender system for complementary products using Siamese LSTM Neural Network using Python and Keras (with Tensorflow backend)
- · Aggregated transactional data and created labels for model training data based on similarity measures using SQL
- Demonstrated viability of model for predicting complementary products

Projects

Supervised log-ratios regression

Jing Ma, David Jones, Kristyn Pantoja

Oct 2020-Present

 Propose a microbiome-based prediction model that utilizes hierarchical clustering based on a novel distance measure to construct multiresolution predictive signatures

Minimum energy designs for model selection

KRISTYN PANTOJA, DAVID JONES, RUI TUO, HUIYAN SANG

Feb 2019-Present

- · Propose a Bayesian experiment design method for regression problems where model selection and model checking are of interest
- · Apply the design method to linear models, Gaussian Process models, and the variable selection problem

Word vectors for variational autoencoding topic modeling

Patrick Ding, Kristyn Pantoja Sep 2018–Jan 2019

- Investigated the benefits of combining word embeddings and autoencoding topic models
- Implemented variational autoencoding topic models using pytorch

Publications

Accepted

• M. Z. Li, K. Gopalakrishnan, K. Pantoja, H. Balakrishnan (2020). "Graph signal processing techniques for analyzing aviation disruptions." *Transportation Science*.

Published

• M. Z. Li, K. Gopalakrishnan, K. Pantoja, H. Balakrishnan (2019). "Spectral approach towards analyzing airport performance and disruptions." Thirteenth Air Traffic Management Research and Development Seminar. (Best Paper: Performance Analysis and Metrics)

Skills_

Programming Languages

R – Python – Rcpp

Other

GIT - MARKDOWN - LATEX - RSTUDIO - CLUSTER COMPUTING