

Matthew Knowles

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EDUCATION

University of Sheffield

Sheffield, UK

MSc, Statistics with Medical Applications

September 2022 – Present

- Studying part time while working at OPEN Health
- Modules in time series, bayesian statistics, medical statistics and economic modelling
- Dissertation: Network Meta Analysis of Pancreatic Cancer trials using Fractional Polynomials

University of York

York, UK

MMath (Hons), Mathematics, Grade: 2:1

October 2018 – June 2022

- Specialised in Statistics and Financial Mathematics in year 4. Focused on Pure Mathematics and Statistics in years 1-3
- Key modules included financial maths, portfolio theory, and bayesian statistics.
- Third year project: On Differential Equations in in-host Viral Pathology (70%)
- Final year project: Statistical Methods for Resetting Score Targets in Limited-Overs Cricket (72%)
- Recived full colours for representing the university at cricket

EXPERIENCE

Statistician

June 2022 – Present

OPEN Health Evidence and Access

York, UK

- Worked on building and maintaining in-house R packages for survival analysis and network meta analysis
- Performed and reported on survival analyses of four clinical trials
- Performed a network meta analysis in multiple myeloma
- Gave two internal talks about network meta analysis methodologies
- Presented statistical methodologies to clients
- Developed a Shiny app to interface with a discrete event simulation model

Research Intern (Mathematical Finance)

July 2021 – September 2021

Department of Mathematics, University of York

York, UK

- EPSRC-Funded research internship
- Working on algorithms for finding convex envelopes of a given set of functions
- Review current and past literature to identify possible improvements
- Implementing algorithms using Python and looking for improvements in efficiency.

Research Intern (Bioinformatics)

July 2020 – September 2020

Department of Biology, University of York

York, UK

- Developed a pipeline in Python for using the Burrows-Wheeler-Aligner and SAMTools to collect, sequence, align and call the peaks of ChIP-Seq data
- Created an R pipeline to apply machine learning libraries to the acquired data
- Identified transcription factors for further study into breast cancer treatment

Research Intern (Particle Physics)

July 2017 – August 2017

School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Birmingham

Birmingham, UK

- Nuffield Foundation summer research placement
- Using Python to visualise HiSPARC Cosmic ray data through Matplotlib
- Applying statistical methods to the data to locate stars which are potential sources of cosmic radiation
- Presented results at the 6th annual HiSPARC conference at the University of Bath

PROJECTS

Network Meta Analysis of Pancreatic Cancer Trials using Fractional Polynomials June 2023 – Present

- Collected publications on Pancreatic Cancer trials
- Digitised published Kaplan-Meier curves
- Conducting a Bayesian NMA, modelling survival with Fractional Polynomials in R

Statistical Methods for Resetting Score Targets in Limited-Overs Cricket October 2021 - April 2022

- Wrote python scripts to clean large amounts of match data
- Performed exploratory data-analysis using R
- Built and trained a neural network to predict cricket scores
- Built an R package for reproducible results

Differential Equations in Viral Pathology September 2020 - March 2021

- 3rd year group project, looking at deterministic vs stochastic differential equations, achieved 70%
- Wrote a Python program to graph the evolution of an infection in a host's cells
- Organised, chaired, and took minutes at group meetings.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: R, Python, C/C++, Stan

Developer Tools: Git, Vim, VS Code, Rstudio Server, Rstudio Desktop

Communicative Languages: Fluency: English, Norwegian; **Intermediate:** German, Dutch

Presenting: Experienced at creating and giving talks/presentations in both Beamer and PowerPoint

Other: EXCEL, RShiny, Tidyverse, L^AT_EX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Institute for Mathematics and its Applications

Royal Statistical Society