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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Researcher






#### Washington State University

 Aug 2018 – Ongoing


 Pullman, WA

- Implemented finite volume method (FVM) for solving inverse heat transfer problems using the Bayesian Inference machine learning algorithm.
- Developed and further improved a preexisting probabilistic model based on Metropolis Monte Carlo method written in C++ and Fortran.
- Utilized the stochastic model for studying the key parameters of transcytosis for drug delivery through blood brain barrier (BBB) as an aid for neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.
- Studied design parameters and relevant characteristic properties for manufacturing functional nanoparticle for drug delivery to the brain.

## DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS

- Multilabel Classification of Drug from Mechanism of Action (MoA) 
  - \* Employed several DNN architectures i.e. FFNN, ResNet and LSTM.
  - \* Performed multilabel stratified k-fold cross validation for resampling.
  - \* Created model ensemble to further minimize the cross entropy loss.
  - \* Acquired bronze medal in associated Kaggle competition (2020). 
- Building End-to-end Recommender Systems for Amazon Products 
  - \* Used Apache Spark to handle large Amazon datasets (233M reviews).
  - \* Wrote Python and SQL scripts to parse and import data into MySQL.
  - \* Applied multiple memory based (both user and item based) and model based (SVD, ALS matrix factorization) collaborative filtering methods.
  - \* Harnessed fast cloud computing environment on AWS EC2 (Linux).
- Cancer Classification & Clustering from Gene Expression Monitoring 
  - \* Performed PCA on 7,123 human genes (found from microarrays data).
  - \* 85% of the total variance was found to be explained by top 50 genes.
  - \* Applied k-means clustering for analyzing cancer classes AML and ALL.
  - \* Employed Elbow and Silhouette Score method for selection of k.
- Female Employment Against Socioeconomic Factors in Bangladesh 
  - \* Processed World Bank data on Bangladesh spanning over 30 years.
  - \* Utilized statistical testing and diagnostic plots for checking model assumptions, possible outliers, multicollinearity and autocorrelations.
  - \* Multivariate regression achieved an adjusted R-squared value of 0.99.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Al Khan, MM Billah, C Ying, J Liu, P Dutta, *Bayesian Method for Parameter Estimation in Transient Heat Transfer Problem*, International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer (2020) 166, 120746. 

## RELATED COURSEWORK

Big Data and Cloud Computing   Data Mining and Analysis

Neural Networks   Applied Linear Models   Statistical Theory

Genomic Data Analysis   Design and Analysis of Experiments

Numerical Methods   Statistics for Engineers and Scientists

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Mechanical Engg.   GPA: 3.94/4.00

Washington State University    Aug 2022

High performance computing (HPC), multi-scale probabilistic (Monte Carlo) modeling

M.S. Statistics   GPA: 4.00/4.00

Washington State University    Jan 2022

ETL pipeline, time series, forecasting and predictive modeling, statistical computing

B.S. Mechanical Engg.   GPA: 3.55/4.00

BGD U. of Engg. and Tech.    Feb 2017

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python   R   SQL   MATLAB

C   C++   SAS   Fortran   Bash

Databases: MySQL   PostgreSQL

Libraries/Frameworks: SciPy   Numpy

Pandas   Matplotlib   Seaborn   Plotly

Scikit-learn   TensorFlow   Keras

PyTorch   Spark   dplyr   tidyverse


tidyr   caret   quanteda   ggplot2

Tools: Git   Tableau   AWS/EC2

## AWARDS/HONORS

- Bronze medal (top 9%), Kaggle mechanism of action (MoA) detection competition, 2020.
- Best project (1st of 15 teams) award, CptS 415: Big Data, WSU, Fall 2020.
- Dean's List Scholarship, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, BUET 2017.
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## CERTIFICATIONS

- Deep Learning Specialist (deeplearning.ai) 
- Machine Learning (Stanford University) 