MARINA VABISTSEVITS

Doctoral student at the University of Bristol, working in the interdisciplinary research of applying data mining methods to answer epidemiological questions



PhD, Data mining in Epidemiology

University of Bristol

Pristol, UK

MSc, Bioinformatics

University of Copenhagen

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BSc, Biochemistry

University of Bath

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Doctoral Student 2023

MRC Intergative Epidemiology Unit

University of Bristol

- · Mini-project 1: Implemented multivariate correlation analysis workflow in R (meta-CCA) using OpenGWAS data, to find pleiotropic variants across multiple traits
- · Mini-project 2: Carried out a Mendelian Randomisation study to investigate the mechanism mediating the effect of early life BMI on breast cancer risk
- · PhD project: Working with EpiGraphDB, a Neo4i graph database, to answer causal relationship questions in breast cancer and build a comprehensive model of the disease aetiology, by applying data mining and machine learning methods

2017 2016

2023

2019

2017

2015 2015

2011

2019

Visiting Researcher / Master's Thesis Student

Danish Cancer Research Centre

• Copenhagen, Denmark

- · Explored TCGA breast cancer gene expression RNA-Seq data to identify the involvement of autophagy-related genes in certain disease subtypes.
- · Performed extensive EDA, followed by differential expression analysis and enrichment analysis, allowing me to find over-represented autophagy genes



INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

2019 2017

Bioinformatician

• Frome, UK Living DNA

- · Led the research work on improving the ancestry reference panels used by the core pipeline behind the company's direct-to-consumer ancestry genetics test, bringing considerable improvement to results accuracy
- · Gained experience in working with a legacy codebase through maintaining and contributing to the in-house pipelines (Python)
- · Honed my R programming skills by switching to tidyverse approach and advanced mv data visualisation skills

2017 2016

Student research assistant in the Big Data group

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• Copenhagen, Denmark

- · Performed data preparation and visualisation tasks in Python, gaining practical experience of programming in a professional environment
- · Used deep learning framework Caffe2 to develop a neural network training pipeline for scan image classification tasks

2014 2013

Placement Student in Bioinformatics team

Oxford Gene Technology

Oxford, UK

· Became responsible for a multitude of exome- and RNA-seg projects, running inhouse data analysis pipelines and performing custom analysis for different projects



CONTACT

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TECH SKILLS

OTHER SKILLS

For fun I like to

- -attend in BristolR and Py-Data meetups
- -listen to Data Science podcasts
- -participate in hackathons / data challenges

See full CV at marinalearning.netlify.com/cv

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