Tiffany Ding

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Education

University of California, Berkeley — **Berkeley, CA**
Ph.D. Student, Statistics — *2021 – Present*

Brown University — **Providence, RI**
Master of Science, Computer Science — *2020 – 2021*

Brown University — **Providence, RI**
Bachelor of Science, Applied Math — *2017 – 2021*
GPA: 4.0

Publications

[1] P. Yu, **T. Ding**, and S. H. Bach. Learning from multiple noisy partial labelers. *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2022.

[2] **T. Ding***, S. Kumar*, and S. Shaw*. A seabird population model to evaluate plastic pollution policies. *The UMAP Journal of Undergraduate Mathematics and Its Applications*, 41(3), 2020.

[3] **T. Ding** and E.S. Chen. Mining drugs and indications for suicide-related adverse events. In *AMIA Annual Symposium Proceedings*, volume 2019. American Medical Informatics Association, 2019.

*equal contribution

Experience

Research

Brown University, Dept. of Computer Science — **Providence, RI**
Master's Project — *Mar 2020 – May 2021*
Advisor: Stephen Bach

- Designed method for performing weakly supervised machine learning in non-stationary environments by leveraging ideas from Bayesian changepoint detection.
- Implemented method using Python and Stan and performed evaluation on real and synthetic data sets.
- Developed a proof of generic identifiability for a generative model of multi-class labels from multiple labeling sources.

Brown University, Dept. of Applied Math — **Providence, RI**
Honors Thesis — *Jan 2020 – Present*
Advisor: Charles (Chip) Lawrence

- Ongoing research on using Gaussian processes and state space models to infer historical sea levels using geological proxies.

Brown Center for Biomedical Informatics **Providence, RI**
Undergraduate Researcher *Sep 2018 – Jan 2020*
Advisor: Elizabeth Chen

- Used Python to create predictive models for suicide risk and compared performance of various data oversampling techniques.
- Applied association rule learning to FDA data using Julia to discover drug-drug interactions that increase suicide risk.

Brown University, Dept. of Economics **Providence, RI**
Research Assistant *Sep 2019 – Dec 2019*
Advisor: Emily Oster

- Summarized key findings of hundreds of scientific papers related to biology and public health.
- Performed preliminary steps of meta-analysis by calculating standardized mean difference using results of published studies.

Industry

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory **Remote**
Machine Learning Research Intern *Summer 2020, Winter 2021*

- Adapted contrastive learning methods to object detection setting and developed prototype model by combining ideas from YOLOv4 (Bochkovskiy et al., 2020) and BYOL (Grill et al., 2020).
- Trained and applied calibration methods to Softmax vectors to improve estimates of object detector uncertainty.
- Designed algorithm to apply hierarchical classification methods to object tracking setting and improved accuracy by 13% compared to baseline methods.
- Collaborated with other interns to develop heuristic-based algorithm for device deduplication using WiFi access data.

Facebook, Inc. **Menlo Park, CA**
Data Science Intern *Summer 2019*

- Conducted analyses on large datasets using SQL, Python, and Excel and created useful metrics and data visualizations.
- Effectively communicated findings through write-ups and presentations to team members and other interns.

Honors and Awards

Jerome L. Stein Memorial Award for Undergraduate Excellence *May 2021*
Brown University, Dept. of Applied Math

2nd Place, East Coast Regional Datathon *Sep 2020*
Citadel and Citadel Securities

- Awarded $2,500 cash prize for identifying the optimal target audience for maximizing movie profitability.

Outstanding Paper, Interdisciplinary Contest for Modeling *Feb 2020*
Consortium for Mathematics and Its Applications

- One of 18 winners out of 7,000+ teams in international math modeling competition.

1st Place, Brown Math Contest for Modeling *Nov 2019*
Brown University, Dept. of Applied Math

Rewriting the Code Fellow *Jun 2018 – Present*
Rewriting the Code

Grace Hopper Scholar *Oct 2019*
AnitaB.org

Teaching Experience

- DATA 2080: Data and Society (teaching assistant, Spring 2021)
- DATA 1050: Data Engineering (teaching assistant, Fall 2019)

- CSCI 0040: Introduction to Scientific Computing and Problem Solving (teaching assistant, Spring 2019)
- CSCI 0170: Computer Science: An Integrated Introduction (teaching assistant, Fall 2018)

Outreach and Service

Mentor *Nov 2021 – Present*
Statistics Graduate-Undergraduate Program, University of California, Berkeley

Service Committee Member *Sep 2021 – Present*
Statistics Graduate Student Association, University of California, Berkeley

Undergraduate President *Jun 2020 – May 2021*
Association of Women in Mathematics, Brown University

Mentor *Sep 2018 – May 2021*
Women in Science and Engineering, Brown University

Mentor *Sep 2019 – May 2021*
Women in Computer Science, Brown University

Mentor *Sep 2019 – May 2021*
Matched Advising Program for Sophomores, Brown University

Mentor *Aug 2020 – May 2021*
Rewriting the Code

Head Photo Editor *Jan 2019 – Dec 2019*
Brown Daily Herald

Computer skills

Coding languages:
- Advanced: Python
- Intermediate: R, MATLAB, SQL, Julia
- Beginner: C, Scala, HTML/CSS, OCaml, Java

Additional Skills: TensorFlow 2.0, Git, Stan, Tableau, Microsoft Excel, Adobe Photoshop, LaTeX

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