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Education

Princeton University, B.S.E. Operations Research, 3.7 GPA

2018-2022

- Minors in Statistics & Machine Learning, Quantitative & Computational Biology
- Algorithms and Data Structures, Computer Systems Design, Analysis of Big Data, Advanced Computational Genomics, Organic Chemistry I and II

Experience

Computational Biologist, RAPT Therapeutics

2022-2024

- Developed a novel computational platform to identify combination therapy partners and predictive biomarkers for leading cancer drug in clinical trials
- Applied deconvolution algorithms to bulk RNAseq patient biopsy samples to identify cell type specific gene expression profiles
- Saved discovery biology team \$30K by demonstrating similarity in measurements between in-house assays and external studies
- First authored a poster and presented findings to the Scientific Advisory Board

AI & Healthcare Curriculum Manager, Inspirit AI

2020-Present

- Design curriculum and teach high school students about applications of computer vision, NLP, and reinforcement learning to problems in healthcare
- Explain math and theory behind various machine learning techniques including convolutional neural networks, transformers, LLMs, prompt engineering, RAG
- Tutor students 1:1 for projects applying machine learning to healthcare, currently published in the Journal of Emerging Investigators

Bioinformatics Research Assistant, WashU School of Medicine Summer 2021

- Trained diffusion maps and graphical neural networks on single-cell RNA-seq data from a human embryo and gastruloid to model germ layer formation
- Discovered potential heterogeneity in mesoderm formation, intend to deploy model for public use and confirm results experimentally

Computational Neuroscience Research Assistant, Seung Lab

2020-2021

- Used k-means clustering as baseline model to cluster neuronal types in mice
- Applied literature algorithms like time-inhomogeneous diffusion condensation to compare clustering outcomes with baseline model

Projects

Integrated Latent Variable Model for Lapses in Rodent Decision-Making

- Worked under Princeton Professor Jonathan Pillow to model mice decision-making in sensory analysis experiments for senior thesis
- Explored an integrated approach using reinforcement learning and Hidden Markov models to model stimulus-independent error rates in rodent perception tasks

Replicating Large Scale Multi-Omic Analysis of COVID-19 Severity

- Led undergraduate team to reproduce published results analyzing metabolites, proteins, transcripts, and lipids from COVID-19 patient blood samples
- Wrote SQLite queries to access patient data from distinct tables and performed standard dimensionality reduction techniques like PCA for further analysis
- Developed random forest machine learning model to predict patient COVID-19 status and severity based on multi-omic dataset from Overmyer et. al (2020)

Skills

Python, R, MATLAB, SQL, Go, Java, Scala, Git, Machine Learning, HTML, CSS