

ZHENG ZHANG

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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University *Aug 2016 - Dec 2020*
B.S. in Statistics & Data Sciences
Concentration: Computational Statistics, Statistical Modeling Data Sciences
Minor in Computer Science & Mathematics
Member of Mu Sigma Rho - National Honorary Society for Statistics
Overall GPA: 3.71/4.00

HONORS AND AWARDS

ECoS Summer Undergraduate Research Scholarship April 2019
Scholarship for Conducting Research During Summer *State College, PA*

DataFest April 2019
Finalists & Best Visualization Award *State College, PA*

HackPSU October 2018
Second Place in AccuWeather Challenge *State College, PA*

Penn State Behrend Honor Student April 2018
Honor Student Award *Erie, PA*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Aug 2019 - Present
The Mahony Lab, Center for Eukaryotic Gene Regulation *State College, PA*

- Developed algorithms and model for predicting the signal of biochemical activities in human genome.
- Utilized Spark and HDFS to provide the solutions for handling over 4 TBs massive datasets.
- Developed parallel applications for data pre-processing and post-processing.
- Link to Research: <https://secantzhang.github.io/project/encode-imputation>

Bioinformatics Programmer May 2019 - Aug 2019
The Mahony Lab, Center for Eukaryotic Gene Regulation *State College, PA*

- Participated in the "Encode Imputation" challenge hosted by Stanford University.
- Developed high-performance parallel algorithms and the data processing pipeline to model the massive datasets.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Jan 2020 - Present
CMPSC 442 - Artificial Intelligence *State College, PA*

- Assisted Dr. Kelvin Kamali with the grading of the student's homeworks in CMPSC 442 class.

Teaching Assistant Aug 2019 - Dec 2019
CMPSC 410 - Programming Model for Big Data *State College, PA*

- Assisted Dr. Daniel Kifer with the grading of the students' homeworks and labs in CMPSC 410 class.

Entry Analyst Intern
Beijing JAYA Technology

Jun 2017 - Sep 2017
Beijing, China

- Crawled and collected the public-available financial data published on over five companies' annual report.
- Visualized and analyzed the data extensively using R and Python.

PROJECTS

rmodel2tex
R

Dec 2018 - Present
State College, PA

- R package for easily converting various existing r model to latex code.
- Supported various statistical models such as linear regression and logistic regression.
- Took into consideration of the difference between population model and fitted model. Also supported the different representation of interaction and categorical terms.
- Link to Project: <https://secantzhang.github.io/project/rmodel2tex>

A-weather
Swift

Oct 2018
State College, PA

- Developed an AR iOS application using AccuWeather API on HackPSU Fall 2018.
- Integrated Augmented Reality within the application so that the disables could sense the weather condition visually without the need of going outside.
- Link to Project: <https://secantzhang.github.io/project/a-weather>

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages

Python, R, Scala, Swift, C++, JAVA, SAS, Shell Script

Databases

MySQL, MongoDB

Data Analysis & Processing

Spark, Hadoop, HDFS, Scikit-Learn, ggplot, Tidyverse, HDF5

COURSEWORK

CMPSC 442
Artificial Intelligence

Fall 2019
A-

CMPSC 410
Programming Models for Big Data

Spring 2019
A

CMPEN 454
Computer Vision

Fall 2019
A

STAT 440
Computational Statistics

Spring 2019
A

CMPSC 465
Data Structures and Algorithms

Summer 2019
A

STAT 462
Applied Regression Analysis

Fall 2018
A-