ZHENYU XU

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Statistics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (GPA: 3.9/4.0)	08/2021 - Expected 2025
Advisor: Dr. Jun Yan, Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Connecticut	
MSc in Data Science, University College London, UK (Distinction)	09/2019 - 09/2020
BSc in Actuarial Science, Heriot-Watt University, UK (First-Class Honors, GPA: 4.0/4.0) <i>Awards:</i> Deputy Principal's Award (07/2018 and 07/2019)	09/2017 - 05/2019
BSc in Actuarial Science, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China <i>Awards:</i> Third-Class Scholarship (12/2017)	09/2015 - 07/2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming Language**: Python, SQL, R, SAS, Git, Bash
- Data Science: Machine Learning (scikit-learn, XGBoost), Data Visualization (Tableau, ggplot2), A/B Testing, Hive
- **Statistics**: Probability Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Generalized Linear Model, Time Series Analysis, Survival Analysis, Statistical Computing, Analysis of Variance, Bayesian Statistics, Statistical Learning, Experiment Design

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UConn Statistical Consulting Services	Storrs, CT
Statistical Consultant	05/2023 - 08/2023
 Tutored a group of 30 students from diverse background on data manipulation and visualization using Created boxplots of scores for pre and post survey data in a chemistry lab using ggplot2, and examined between pre and post test scores based on the question type using t-test, Cohen's D and ANOVA 	R in a workshop the difference
• Identified the responsive minor-like introns for different treatments and reduced the type II errors	T 1 TTT
DataGrasp Medicspot Team	London, UK
Statistical Consultant	10/2019 - 12/2019
Processed Medicspot's data (pharmacy addresses and installed device) to construct a regression model	
 Calculated and ranked the expected revenue of installing Medicspot device in pharmacies across the UK 	
RESEARCH	
(Ph.D. Dissertation) Generalized Estimating Equations, UConn	05/2022 - Present
Specified the correct joint model for mean-variance-correlation structure using Generalized Estimating Equations	
 Identified the correct sandwich variance estimator for parameter estimates 	
• Conducted simulation studies to investigate the differences between the two models and variance estir	nators
• Developed a new criterion for joint model selection to achieve a correct selection rate of 95.6%	
Child Maltreatment Identification, UConn Health	05/2023 - Present
 Combined the encounter, diagnosis and demographic datasets and selected the maltreatment group by Generated contingency tables for each predictor in relation to child maltreatment occurrence and deterrisk factors through the application of both the Chi-square test and Fisher's exact test. Adjusted the p values to control the false discovery rate 	their ICD-10 codes rmined potential
 Implemented a logistic regression classifier to identify child maltreatment 	
EnergyStats, UConn	05/2023 - Present
 Maintained and Developed the EnergyStats website using Node.js, Pug, and CSS 	
 Utilized the bi-clustering method to simultaneously cluster building accounts and respective months ba usage data on campus 	ased on their energy
(Master's Thesis) NIR Spectroscopic Data Classification by Ensemble Methods, UCL	06/2020 - 09/2020
 Used PCA to reduce dimensions to 7 and maintained 95% information of high-dimensional spectral data 	
Employed two ensemble methods (Random Forest and XGBoosting) to classify the data	
 Used a double cross-validation scheme to evaluate each model's performance 	
Information Retrieval Model Project, Information Retrieval and Data Mining, UCL	01/2020 - 04/2020
Built a passage re-ranking system of a given candidate list of passage to a query using retrieval models	
• Built an inverted-index for the collection for efficient passage retrieval, tried retrieval models such as BM regression, LambdaMART Model and neural network, with Word2Vec embedding	125 model, logistic

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Variance estimation for generalized estimation equations of mean-variance-correlation for clustered data, **Excellence in Statistical Science**, Storrs, CT, 2022
- Disparity in county-level low-income job loss rate during the Covid-19 pandemic, **The Joint Statistical Meetings**, Washington, DC, 2022