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COVID-19 Data Repository and County-level Death Count Prediction in the US

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github.com/Yu-Group/covid19-severity-prediction

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Google collaborators

Many others at UC Berkeley, UCSF, Stanford, Northeastern, Univ. of Chicago, UW-Madison, ...

5000 PPEs for Temple Univ Hospital on May 8, 2020







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Overview: Current Data Repository & Prediction Pipeline (Open Source)



Data curation: scraped from a variety of sources

COVID-19 Cases/Deaths



The New York Times





County-level Data

(Risk Factors, Demographics, Social Mobility)



Hospital-level Data

(e.g., #ICU beds, staff)

Data quality issues about death counts

- 1. Undercount problems
- 2. USAFacts and NYT data come from the same sources, but do not always agree
- 3. Weekdays are different from weekends





Development of many transparent predictors



Calculate a **weighted average of the predictions**: higher weight to the models with better (recent) historical performance^[1]

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Combined Linear and Exponential Predictor (CLEP)

A combination of two predictors performs well



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Prediction Intervals based on conformal prediction[2]



^{[2].} G. Shafer and V. Vovk "A tutorial on conformal prediction." JMLR (2008): 371-421.

Prediction Intervals: Max. Error Prediction Interval (MEPI)



https://hdsr.mitpress.mit.edu/pub/p6isyf0g/release/1 Harvard Data Science Review (HDSR)



by Nick Altieri, Rebecca L Barter, James Duncan, Raaz Dwivedi, Karl Kumbier, Xiao Li, Robert Netzorg, Briton Park, Chandan Singh, Yan Shuo Tan, Tiffany Tang, Yu Wang, Chao Zhang, and Bin Yu

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Covidseverity.com is an automated AI system

- 1. Data (daily county case and death numbers) from USAFacts is scrapped automatically to our AWS instance
- Our CLEP prediction algorithm runs on updated data on AWS automatically (Thanks to AWS and NSF)
- 3. Predictions, prediction intervals, plots, and maps are generated and displayed automatically

This AI system could not spot that "1525" on May 21 for King County, WA was an error. Humans in the loop would be better.

Al: human-machine collaboration

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Summary and Current Directions

covidseverity.com

- Data repository and open-source code on github
- Our CLEP/MEPI: simple, transparent, interpretable, and fast, and comparable short-term prediction performance as agent-based models
- Hospitalization prediction (on-going)
- Causal investigation (on-going)

Challenges and Opportunities

A nimble, national and international, surveillance and intervention network system

Complete with manufacture, supply chain logistics planning and stakeholder coordination

Collecting, cleaning/curating data at multi-scale with data quality control

Powered by a responsible, trustworthy, and reproducible AI system with humans in the loop

Challenges and Opportunities

Trans-disciplinary framework

- coherent and unified technical and accessible terminology
- an integrated and distributed computing platform (e.g. SPARK or DataBricks)
- a combination of diverse data/science driven prediction approaches (agentbased, ML/Stats/SP) and with uncertainty assessments
- validating and reality checking policy decisions with multi-objectives (health. economy, fairness)
- **agile** to adapt to fast dynamics due to climate changes and unpredictable human events

Our PCS framework for responsible data analysis and decision making

Veridical Data Science (Yu and Kumbier, PNAS, 2020)



Human is at the center

- Transdisciplinary team: collaborative, not winner-takes-all, culture
- Visionary and fair Incentives and rewards (grant, authorship, promotion, award)

NSF – not enough to support transformative research, but also support **verification and replication** for trustworthy and reliable research

- Human-machine collaboration in AI system
- Transdisciplinary education, including communication and interpersonal skills

Thank you!