

ICUB Talks: Exact Sciences Section

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Efficient And Distributed Computational Methods For Complex Systems

Many statistical inference problems for large-scale complex systems involve using analytical tools, such as statistics, mathematical optimization and machine learning algorithms. Due to the explosion in size and complexity of modern datasets, traditional ways of modeling on a single computing node are no longer scalable. In this presentation, I will introduce several computational efficient methods that model complex systems in different settings. The methodologies span from solving batches of optimization problems in the context of uncertainty quantification, accounting for spatial correlation in the decision making and clustering a large number of observations that are spatially correlated using distributed computing. The motivating applications are primarily in the area of healthcare delivery and health policy.



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