Large-scale Personalized Health Surveillance by Collaborative Learning and Selective Sensing

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Abstract: The rapid advances in sensing and information technology have provided unprecedented information infrastructure, such as electronic health record (EHR), holding great promises to develop new approaches for personalized health surveillance and accelerate the paradigm transition of the U.S. healthcare sector from reactive care to preventive care. However, leveraging the sensing technology for personalized health surveillance in large-scale population is challenging due to the complexity of disease progression, the widely reported heterogeneity in population, the limited sensing resources, as well as the lack of efficient and cost-effective sensing strategy. This talk will present (a) a novel statistical learning framework, collaborative learning, to effectively translate the sensing data into a heterogeneous population of disease trajectories; (b) a decision support algorithm, selective sensing, to proactively probe information and detect high-risk individuals under limited sensing resources. The proposed methods are further applied in the context of cognitive decline monitoring in Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and depression trajectory monitoring to facilitate the effective use of sensing technology in chronic disease management.

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