**SHAOCONG MA**

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**EDUCATION**

**PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering** Sep. 2019-Jun. 2023

University of Utah GPA:4.0/4.0

**M.A. in Statistics** Sep. 2017-Jun. 2019

University of California, Santa BarbaraGPA: 3.9/4.0

**B.S. in Statistics** Sep. 2013-Jun. 2017

Sichuan University GPA: 3.6/4.0

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou. *Understanding the Impact of Model Incoherence on Convergence of Incremental SGD with Random Reshuffle.* **ICML. 2020.** (Acceptance rate: 21.8%)

**Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou, Shaofeng Zou. *Variance-Reduced Off-Policy TDC Learning: Non-Asymptotic Convergence Analysis.* **NeurIPS. 2020.** (Acceptance rate: 20.1%)

**Shaocong Ma**, Ziyi Chen, Yi Zhou, Shaofeng Zou. *Greedy-GQ with Variance Reduction: Finite-time Analysis and Improved Complexity.* **ICLR. 2021.**(Acceptance rate: 28.7%)

Ziyi Chen, **Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou. *Sample Efficient Stochastic Policy Extragradient Algorithm for Zero-Sum Markov Game.* **ICLR. 2022.**

**PROJECTS**

**How to Improve Sample Complexity of SGD over Highly Dependent Data?**

* Submitted to UAI 2022.
* Theoretically explained the influence of data correlation for optimization.

**A PyTorch Implementation of Wasserstein Robust Model (WRM)**

* GitHub: <https://github.com/mshaocong/wasserstein_robust_model>
* Related paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.11663>
* Implemented an adversarial attacking framework used for WRM training.

**OTHER EXPERIENCES**

**Reviewer/ Program Committee**

NeurIPS 2021; ICML 2021; IEEE BigData 2021; IJCAI-ECAI 2022; ICML 2022.

**Teaching Assistant**

Statistics; Statistics for Life Science; Statistics for Economics; Survival Analysis; Actuarial Statistics; Fundamentals of Signals and Systems.