Fengshi Niu

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

8/2015-8/2021

• Ph.D. in Economics

Dissertation: Essays on Econometrics of Dyadic Data

• M.A. in Statistics

Tsinghua University

8/2011-6/2015

• **B.A.** in Economics and Finance Beijing Outstanding Graduate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stanford Graduate School of Business - Marketing, Postdoctoral Scholar

9/2021-8/2022

• Developed statistical methods for ads measurement with Harikesh Nair and Navdeep Sahni

Microsoft Research - Office of the Chief Economist, Research Intern

5/2021-8/2021

• Developed differentially private and interpretable algorithms for heterogeneous treatment effect estimation

Facebook - Core Data Science, Research Intern

5/2019-8/2019

- Optimized offline evaluation of ads ranking by utilizing both experimental data and observational data
- Improved the correlation between offline estimated metric lift and that estimated using online experiment by 11%

University of California - Berkeley, Graduate Student Instructor

8/2017-5/2019

• Taught weekly discussion sections, held office hours, designed problem sets, and graded for the following courses: Graduate Econometrics (Econ 240A, 240B), Graduate Game Theory (Econ 201B)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Econometric Theory, Causal Inference, Data Privacy, Digital Marketing

RESEARCH PAPERS

Auction Throttling and Causal Inference of Online Advertising Effects, with George Gui and Harikesh Nair

Differentially Private Estimation of Heterogeneous Causal Effects, with Harsha Nori, Brian Quistoff, Rich Caruana, Donald Ngwe, Aadharsh Kannan, *1st Conference on Causal Learning and Reasoning (CLeaR 2022)*, Oral Presentation.

Minimax Risk and Uniform Convergence Rates for Nonparametric Dyadic Regression, with Bryan Graham and James Powel, Revise and Resubmit, *Econometric Theory*.

Kernel Density Estimation for Undirected Dyadic Data, with Bryan Graham and James Powell, Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Econometrics*.

Optional Intermediaries and Pricing Restraints, with Alex White and Chang Liu

Kernel Density Estimation for Undirected Dyadic Data

PRESENTATIONS

Error Components Models for Dyadic Data	
Conference in Honor of James L. Powell , Berkeley, CA	4/2022
Differentially Private Estimation of Heterogeneous Causal Effects	
• 1st Conference on Causal Learning and Reasoning (CLeaR 2022), Eureka, CA	4/2022
Auction Throttling and Causal Inference of Online Advertising Effects	
INFORMS Annual Meeting , Virtual	10/2021
Minimax Risk and Uniform Convergence Rates for Nonparametric Dyadic Regression	
Berkeley Econometrics Seminar, UC Berkeley	12/2020

• Berkeley-Stanford Econometrics Jamboree , UC Berkeley

11/2019

Optional Intermediaries and Pricing Restraints

• Toulouse Digital Economics Conference, Toulouse School of Economics, France

1/2019

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reviewer for Journal of Econometrics and Journal of Business & Economic Statistics

TECHNICAL TOOLS

Python, R, SQL, Stata, bash, git, LATEX, plotly, scikit-learn, statsmodel, xgboost, Keras, EconML, InterpretML

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Mandarin (native)

Updated 2022/04/19