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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Mathematical Optimization, Riemannian Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Quantum Computing	
EDUCATION	<b>University of Tsukuba</b> Ph.D. of Science in Policy and Planning Sciences Master of Science in Policy and Planning Sciences Supervisor: Prof. <a href="#">Akiko Yoshise</a>	Tsukuba, Japan Apr. 2021 – Mar. 2024 (expected) Apr. 2019 – Mar. 2021
	<b>Dongbei University of Finance and Economics</b> Bachelor of Management	Dalian, China Sep. 2013 – June 2017
GRANTS	Research fellowship of <i>Support for Pioneering Research Initiated by the Next Generation</i> (SPRING), Japan Science and Technology Agency Sep. 2021 – Present	
WORKING PAPERS	CLAP: A Contrastive Learning Structure for App-usage Prediction Xin Yang, <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Qian Wu, Maiko Shigeno.  HGCL4REC: Hyperbolic Graph Contrastive Learning for Recommender System Xin Yang, <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Qian Wu, Maiko Shigeno.	
PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS	Completely Positive Factorization by a Riemannian Smoothing Method <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Computational Optimization and Applications</i> , 2022.  Riemannian Interior Point Methods for Constrained Optimization on Manifolds <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.09762">arxiv.org/abs/2203.09762</a> , 2023. (Submitted to JOTA)	
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TALKS	ICIAM 2023 <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Riemannian Interior Point Methods for Constrained Optimization on Manifolds</i> , Tokyo.	Aug. 2023
	SIAM OP23 <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Interior Point Methods for Nonlinear Optimization on Riemannian Manifolds</i> , Seattle.	June 2023
	International Workshop on Continuous Optimization <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Riemannian Interior Point Methods for Constrained Optimization on Manifolds</i> , Tokyo (virtual).	Dec. 2022
	SIAM OP21 <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Completely Positive Factorization via Orthogonality Constrained Problem</i> , Hong Kong (virtual).	July 2021
DOMESTIC (JAPAN) CONFERENCE TALKS	RAOA: Gathering of Young Researchers for the Future 2023 <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Riemannian Interior Point Methods for Constrained Optimization on Manifolds</i> , Tsukuba, Japan.	

	The 2023 spring national conference of Operations Research Society of Japan <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Riemannian Interior Point Methods for Constrained Optimization on Manifolds</i> , Tokyo, Japan.	Mar. 2023
	The 2022 autumn national conference of Operations Research Society of Japan <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>On the Global Convergence of Riemannian Interior Point Method</i> , Niigata (virtual), Japan.	Sep. 2022
	The Japan Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics 2022 annual meeting <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>On the Global Convergence of Riemannian Interior Point Method</i> , Sapporo, Japan.	Sep. 2022
	The 2022 spring national conference of Operations Research Society of Japan <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Superlinear and Quadratic Convergence of Riemannian Interior Point Methods</i> , Gunma (virtual), Japan.	Mar. 2022
	Meeting 2021 of Kyoto University Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Application of Smoothing Methods for Completely Positive Matrices via Orthogonality Constrained Problem</i> , Kyoto (virtual), Japan.	Aug. 2021
	The 2021 spring national conference of Operations Research Society of Japan <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>Completely Positive Factorization via Orthogonality Constrained Problem</i> , Tokyo (virtual), Japan.	Mar. 2021
	Meeting 2020 of Kyoto University Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences <b>Zhijian Lai</b> , Akiko Yoshise. <i>A New Approach to the Recognition Problem of Completely Positive Matrices</i> , Kyoto (virtual), Japan.	Aug. 2020
POSTER	Poster Session of 2022 SPRING Fellowship <b>Zhijian Lai</b> . <i>Riemannian Interior Point Methods for Manifold Optimization</i> , Tsukuba, Japan.	Mar. 2023
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant, University of Tsukuba Supervisor: Prof. Akiko Yoshise	Apr. 2021 – Present
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Assistant, College of Policy and Planning Sciences, University of Tsukuba - FH61141: Society and Optimization - FH35012: Problem Identification and Resolution - FH61141: Problem Identification and Resolution - 0AL5100: Supply Chain Management	Fall 2023 Fall 2022 Fall 2022 Fall 2021
	Mathematics Tutoring for Graduate Admission Examination, Graduate School for Policy and Planning Sciences, University of Tsukuba - Linear Algebra - Calculus - Calculus	Aug. 2021 Dec. 2019 Aug. 2019
ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE	ARC Tokyo Japanese Language School Graduate School Preparation Class	Tokyo, Japan Jul. 2017 – Mar. 2019
ACADEMIC SERVICE	Membership of - The Operations Research Society of Japan	
COMPUTER SKILLS	Matlab, Python, Latex, GuRoBi, Xpress.	
LANGUAGES	Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent): JLPT N1.	