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Research interests: optimization algorithm design and analysis with applications in data science and ML

Work Experience

Department of Mathematics and Institute of Data Science,

The University of Hong Kong Hong Kong, China **Research Assistant Professor** 11/01/2021 - present

Education & Training

Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI, USA Postdoctoral Associate 10/22/2018 - 08/31/2021

Supervisor: Stephen J. Wright

Pennsylvania State University STATE COLLEGE, PA, USA 08/25/2013 - 08/11/2018

PhD in Industrial Engineering

Dual Title Degree for Operations Research

Thesis advisor: Uday V. Shanbhag

Tsinghua University BEIJING, CHINA 09/01/2009 - 07/11/2013

Pure & Applied Mathematics

Publications

Journal Paper Published:

• Yue Xie and Stephen J. Wright, Complexity of proximal augmented Lagrangian for nonconvex optimization with nonlinear equality constraints, Journal of Scientific Computing, 2021. https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10915-021-01409-y.

• Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, Tractable ADMM schemes for computing KKT points and local minimizers for ℓ_0 -minimization problems, Computational Optimization and Application, 2020. http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10589-020-00227-6.

• Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, SI-ADMM: A stochastic inexact ADMM framework for stochastic convex programs, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, vol. 65, no. 6, pp. 2355-2370. https://doi.org/10.1109/TAC.2019.2953209.

• Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, On robust solutions to uncertain linear complementarity problems and their variants, SIAM Journal on Optimization, 26(4), pp. 2020-2159. https://doi.org/10.1137/15M1010427.

Workshop Proceedings:

• Yue Xie and Stephen J. Wright, Complexity of projected Newton methods for bound-constrained optimization. Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop: Beyond first order methods in machine learning systems, Virtual, 2020. Link to the article.

Electronic Preprint:

• Yue Xie and Stephen J. Wright, Complexity of projected Newton methods on bound-constrained optimization, arXiv **preprint**, arXiv: 2103.15989.

Work In Progress:

• Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, Variable sample-size stochastic ADMM schemes.

Conference Paper Published:

- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, SI-ADMM: A stochastic inexact ADMM framework for resolving structured stochastic convex programs. 2016 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), Washington, DC, 2016, pp. 714-725. https://doi.org/10.1109/WSC.2016.7822135.
- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, On robust solutions to uncertain monotone linear complementarity problems (LCPs) and their variants. 53rd IEEE Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Los Angeles, CA, 2014, pp. 2834-2839. https://doi.org/10.1109/CDC.2014.7039824.

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin-Madison CS/ISyE 730: Nonlinear Optimization II

Guest Lecturer

Pennsylvania State University
IE 425: Stochastic Models in Operations Research

Teaching Assistant

Madison, WI, USA Spring 2020

STATE COLLEGE, PA, USA
Spring 2018

Reviewer of Journals

SIAM Journal on Optimization (2), Mathematical Programming Series B (1), Mathematical Programming Computation (1), IMA Journal of Numerical Analysis (1), IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control (2), IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (2), Journal of the Operations Research Society of China (1), IISE Transactions (1), Optimization Letters(2), Networks and Spatial Economics (2).

Presentations

- "On addressing nonconvex problems in machine learning", presentation delivered in the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at the University of Hong Kong, Apr 2021.
- 2. "On Complexity of Constrained Nonconvex Optimization", presentation delivered in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics at the Johns Hopkins University, Jan 2021.
- 3. "Complexity of augmented Lagrangian for nonconvex optimization with nonlinear constraints", presentation delivered at Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting, Virtual, Nov 2020.
- 4. "Complexity of projected Newton methods for bound-constrained optimization", presentation delivered at Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop: Beyond first order methods in machine learning systems, Virtual, July 2020. https://sites.google.com/view/optml-icml2020
- 5. "A tractable ADMM scheme for computing KKT points and local minimizers for ℓ_0 -minimization problems", presentation delivered at International Conference on Continuous Optimization(ICCOPT), Berlin, Aug 2019.
- 6. "Stochastic ADMM frameworks for resolving structured stochastic convex programs", presentation delivered at Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications (MOPTA), Lehigh University, Aug 2018.
- 7. "Obtaining deterministic rates in stochastic ADMM schemes via a variable sample-size technique", presentation delivered at Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Optimization Society Conference, Denver, Mar 2018.
- 8. "SI-ADMM: A stochastic inexact ADMM framework for resolving structured stochastic convex programs", presentation delivered at Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting, Houston, Oct 2017.
- 9. "On the resolution of ℓ_0 -norm minimization problems via alternating Lagrangian schemes", presentation delivered at Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting, Houston, Oct 2017.
- 10. "On the global resolution of ℓ_0 -norm minimization problems via alternating Lagrangian schemes", presentation delivered at Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Conference on Optimization, Vancouver, BC, May 2017.
- 11. "SI-ADMM: A stochastic inexact ADMM framework for resolving structured stochastic convex programs", presentation delivered at 2016 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), Washington, D.C., Dec 2016.
- 12. "On the resolution of complementarity formulations of the ℓ_0 -norm minimization problem via ADMM schemes", presentation delivered at International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), Tokyo, Japan, Aug 2016.
- 13. "On an ADMM framework for the resolution of complementarity formulations of the ℓ_0 -norm minimization problem: Preliminary work", presentation delivered at International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2016 workshop on Optimization Methods for the Next Generation of Machine Learning, NY, June 2016.

- 14. "On robust solutions to uncertain linear complementarity problems and their variants", presentation delivered at Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Nov 2015.
- 15. "On robust solutions to uncertain linear complementarity problems and their variants", presentation delivered at 22nd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP), Pittsburgh, July 2015.
- 16. "On robust solutions to uncertain linear complementarity problems and their variants", presentation delivered at Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications (MOPTA), Lehigh University, Aug 2014.

Projects

- 1. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Lagrange program: Nonconvex Matrix Optimization: Geometry, Algorithms, and Distributed Implementation.
- 2. Department of Energy (DOE): Multifaceted Mathematics for Rare, High-Impact Events in Complex Energy and Environment Systems (MACSER).

Honors and Awards

- 1. Marcus Fellowship; Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Penn State University, 2014
- 2. Marcus Fellowship; Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Penn State University, 2013

Skills

Programming: Proficiency in programming software Matlab. Experience with Minitab, R, Java, Python

Writing: Latex

Language: Proficiency in English, Native speaker in Mandarin.