Yifan Chen

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EDUCATION

Caltech Pasadena, California

Ph.D. Candidate in Applied and Computational Mathematics Advisors: Profs. Thomas Y. Hou, Houman Owhadi, Andrew M. Stuart 2018-present

Tsinghua University

B.S. in Pure and Applied Mathematics, GPA: 96/100, ranked 1/89

Bejing, China 2014–2018

Research Interest

I have my background in **Applied and Computational Mathematics**. I have been working on theoretical and computational math problems in *scientific computing* and *statistical data science*.

- Multiscale Methods for PDEs: numerical analysis of multiscale PDEs [2]–[5]
- Kernel Methods and Gaussian Processes: solve nonlinear PDEs [1] and and hierarchical learning [7]
- Computation: natural gradient [6], inverse problems [9], nonconvex optimization [8]

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Y. Chen, B. Hosseini, H. Owhadi, and A. M. Stuart, "Solving and learning nonlinear pdes with gaussian processes", arXiv preprint arXiv:2103.12959, 2021.
- [2] Y. Chen, T. Y. Hou, and Y. Wang, "Exponentially convergent multiscale methods for high frequency heterogeneous helmholtz equations", arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.04080, 2021.
- [3] Y. Chen and T. Y. Hou, "Function approximation via the subsampled poincaré inequality", Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems-A, 2020.
- [4] Y. Chen and T. Y. Hou, "Multiscale elliptic pdes upscaling and function approximation via subsampled data", arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.04199, 2020.
- [5] Y. Chen, T. Y. Hou, and Y. Wang, "Exponential convergence for multiscale linear elliptic pdes via adaptive edge basis functions", to appear in Multiscale Modeling & Simulation, arXiv preprint arXiv:2007.07418, 2020.
- [6] Y. Chen and W. Li, "Optimal transport natural gradient for statistical manifolds with continuous sample space", *Information Geometry*, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 1–32, 2020.
- [7] Y. Chen, H. Owhadi, and A. M. Stuart, "Consistency of empirical bayes and kernel flow for hierarchical parameter estimation", to appear in Mathematics of Computation, arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.11375, 2020.
- [8] Y. Chen, Y. Sun, and W. Yin, "Run-and-inspect method for nonconvex optimization and global optimality bounds for r-local minimizers", *Mathematical Programming*, vol. 176, no. 1-2, pp. 39–67, 2019.
- [9] J. Chen, Y. Chen, H. Wu, and D. Yang, "The quadratic wasserstein metric for earthquake location", Journal of Computational Physics, vol. 373, pp. 188–209, 2018.

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Referee Services

- Reviewer for SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization
- Reviewer for SIAM on Numerical Analysis
- Research in the Mathematical Sciences
- Reviewer for 4th International Conference, GSI 2019, Toulouse, France, August 27–29, 2019, Proceedings.

Conferences and Seminars

- Second Symposium on Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Fields Institute, Toronto, Sept. 21-25, 2020
 - Gave talk: Consistency of Hiearchical Parameter Learning: Empirical Bayesian and Kernel Flow Approaches
- Bernoulli-IMS One World Symposium 2020
 - Gave talk: Consistency of Hiearchical Parameter Learning: Empirical Bayesian and Kernel Flow Approaches
- Oberwolfach Seminar: Beyond Numerical Homogenization, June 9-15, 2019
- Machine Learning for Multiscale Model Reduction Workshop, Harvard University, March 27-29, 2019
- Mathematical Model and Computation of Nonlinear Problems, Tsinghua Sanya International Mathematics Forum, January 15-19, 2018
- Youth Forum in the 15th Annual Meeting of CSIAM, Qingdao, China, Oct 2017
 - Gave talk: The quadratic Wasserstein metric for Earthquake Location

TEACHING

• Teaching Assistant for graduate-level courses at Caltech

ACM 109: Mathematical Modeling, 2020

ACM 117: Probability and Stochastic Processes, 2020

ACM 118: Stochastic Processes and Regression, 2021

ACM 109: Mathematical Modeling, 2021

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate:

• Kortschak Scholars Program, Department of Computational and Mathematical Sciences	2018-present
Undergraduate: multiple top scholarships	
• Tsinghua Xuetang Mathematics Program, Department of Mathematical Sciences	2015 – 2018
• Outstanding Undergraduate, Tsinghua and Beijing	2018
• Baosteel Scholarship, Baosteel Corporation	2017
• Scholarship in Memory of the "12.9" Student Movement, Tsinghua	2016
• Qualcomm Scholarship, Qualcomm Corporation	2016
• Scholarship in Memory of Prof. Ou Li (Mathematics)	2016
• National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China	2015

Computer Skills

• MATLAB: proficient

• LaTeX: proficient

Python: proficientJulia: intermediate

2020-2021

Languages

English: fluentChinese: native