

# JINGMING YAN

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Irvine

*September 2023 - Present*

Ph.D. in the department of Computer Science

- Advised by Prof. Ioannis Panageas
- My research lies at the intersection of Algorithmic Game Theory, Min-Max Optimization, Reinforcement Learning, and Computational Complexity.

### University of California, Irvine

*September 2019 - June 2023*

B.S. in the department of Mathematics

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Minor: Information and Computer Science

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Min-Max Optimization, Non-Convex Optimization, Complexity Theory, Stochastic Games, Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, Learning in Games

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 1. The Complexity of Symmetric Equilibria in Min-Max Optimization and Team Zero-Sum Games

Ioannis Anagnostides, Ioannis Panageas, Tuomas Sandholm, **Jingming Yan**  
**NeurIPS** 2025 Spotlight

### 2. The Complexity of Finding Local Optima in Contrastive Learning

**Jingming Yan**, Yiyuan Luo, Vaggos Chatziafratis, Ioannis Panageas, Parnian Shakhar, Stelios Andrew Stavroulakis  
**NeurIPS** 2025

### 3. Learning Equilibria in Adversarial Team Markov Games: A Nonconvex-Hidden-Concave Min-Max Optimization Problem

Fivos Kalogiannis, **Jingming Yan**, Ioannis Panageas  
**NeurIPS** 2024

## EXPERIENCE

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### Research Intern at Archimedes Research Unit

*June 2025 - August 2025*

Athens, Greece

- Conducted research on designing efficient methods and analyzing the computational complexity of solving variational inequalities in high-dimensional domains
- Developed beyond-worst-case dynamics for local updates to ensure convergence in contrastive learning settings, and analyzed their convergence rates.
- Publication is currently under peer review

### Research Intern at Archimedes Research Unit

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- Researched on intractability and complexity of min-max optimization and team games
- Generated stimulated converging dynamic for first-order algorithms and applied in various settings

### **Undergraduate Research Experience**

*September 2022 - June 2023*

Supervisor: Prof. Ioannis Panageas

- Analyzed the effect of applying different regularizers in min-max optimization
- Systematically learned algorithmic game theory, stochastic games, min-max optimization tools (e.g. Optimistic GDA), nonconvex optimization techniques (e.g. Moreau Envelope)
- Implemented code that studied the convergence in stochastic two-player zero-sum games and stochastic potential games.

### **Audio Separation Model**

*March 2022 - June 2022*

- Constructed a U-net encoder-decoder model for Audio Source Separation on MUSDB18 dataset.
- Implemented a conditional GAN model to improve the performance of the generator and achieved higher resolution of the output.

## **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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Reviewer for: AISTATS 2024, 2025, 2026; AAAI 2025; ICML 2024; NeurIPS 2024, 2025; ICLR 2025, 2026

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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COMPSCI-161 Design & Analysis of Algorithms	<i>Spring 2025</i>
COMPSCI-178: Machine Learning and Data Mining	<i>Winter 2025</i>
ICS-46: Data Structure Implementation and Analysis	<i>Fall 2024</i>
COMPSCI-161 Design & Analysis of Algorithms	<i>Winter 2024</i>
ICS-46: Data Structure Implementation and Analysis	<i>Fall 2023</i>
COMPSCI-161 Design & Analysis of Algorithms	<i>Spring 2023</i>

## **SKILLS**

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**Programming :** C++, Python, Pytorch, Tensorflow, MATLAB, Mathematica, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Languages :** Chinese (native), English