Jianfei Ma

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

SWIRL: **S**ample Efficiency, **W**orld Models and **I**ntrinsic Motivation for **R**einforcement **L**earning

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore — Singapore
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science — *Aug. 2024 – Present*
Advisor: Prof. Wee Sun Lee

Northwestern Polytechnical University — Xi'an, Shaanxi
Bachelor of Science in Statistics — *Aug. 2019 – Jul. 2023*

PUBLICATION

- Ma, J. & Lee, W. S. EUBRL: Epistemic Uncertainty Directed Bayesian Reinforcement Learning. (ICLR, 2026)

- Ma, J. Discerning Temporal Difference Learning. (AAAI, 2024)

- Ma, J. Generative Intrinsic Optimization: Intrinsic Control with Model Learning. (NeurIPS Workshop IMOL, 2023)

- Ma, J. The Point to Which Soft Actor-Critic Converges. (ICLR Tiny Papers, 2023)

PREPRINT

- Ma, J. Distillation Policy Optimization. (arXiv, 2023)

- Ma, J. Entropy Augmented Reinforcement Learning. (arXiv, 2022)

EXPERIENCE

Distributional Model-Based RL via Variational Inference — Jun. 2023 – May 2024
Research Assistant with <u>Huazhe Xu</u> — *Tsinghua University*
- Developed a distributional control method through probabilistic inference
- Unified joint evaluation & control with a world model

Average-Reward Least Squares Temporal Difference Methods — Sep. 2022 – Dec. 2022
Research Assistant with <u>Shangtong Zhang</u> — *University of Virginia*
- Extended average-reward off-policy LSTD(λ) based on MSPBE objectives
- Conducted convergence analysis of the algorithm

PROJECTS

MagiOPT ☊ — Jun. 2022 – Jul. 2022
- A Unified Pytorch Optimizer for Numerical Optimization

AWARDS

ASC Student Supercomputer Challenge — Jan. 2022 – Mar. 2022
- Second Class Prize

Mathematical Contest In Modeling — Feb. 2021
- Honorable Mention

SKILLS

Programming Language: Python, C/C++, Bash, R, Matlab, Elisp, Rust
Framework & Tools: Git, LaTeX, Emacs, Pytorch, JAX