

# MENGYU LI

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## EDUCATION

**Institute of Statistics and Big Data, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China**

- Ph.D. Candidate in Statistics Sep. 2020 – present
- Supervisor: Cheng Meng, Assistant Professor

**School of Statistics, Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China**

- Bachelor in Statistics Sep. 2016 – Jun. 2020
- Thesis advisor: Junlong Zhao, Professor

**Faculty of Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada**

- Summer Program Jun. 2018 – Jul. 2018

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Optimal transport; Subsampling in big data; AI in health care**

## AWARDS & HONORS

- **Spark Award (Encouragement Award)** 2023  
Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. Collaborated with Jun Zhu and Cheng Meng
- **Student Paper Award** in Joint Statistical Meetings 2023  
Statistics in Imaging Section, American Statistical Association (**five winners per year**)
- **Student Paper Award** in Joint Statistical Meetings 2022  
Sections on Statistical Computing and Graphics, American Statistical Association (**five winners per year**)

### Presented by RUC

- Joint Ph.D. Program (50,000 RMB) 2023 – 2024
- Outstanding Innovative Talents Cultivation Funded Program (70,000 RMB) 2021 – 2024
- First-Class Academic Scholarship 2021 – 2023
- Social Work and Volunteering Scholarship 2023
- Study Excellence Scholarship 2022
- Merit Student 2021

### Presented by BNU

- First-Class (or Second-Class) Jingshi Scholarship 2017 – 2019
- Academic Competition Scholarship 2019
- Social Contribution Scholarship 2017

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## PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

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### Published

1. **Mengyu Li**, Jun Yu, Tao Li & Cheng Meng (2023). “Importance sparsification for Sinkhorn algorithm.” *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 24(247), 1–44.  
Student Paper Award in 2023 JSM, Statistics in Imaging Section.
2. **Mengyu Li**, Jun Yu, Hongteng Xu & Cheng Meng (2023). “Efficient approximation of Gromov-Wasserstein distance using importance sparsification.” *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, in press.
3. **Mengyu Li** & Junlong Zhao (2022). “Communication-efficient distributed linear discriminant analysis for binary classification.” *Statistica Sinica*, 32, 1343–1361.

### Under Review & Submitted

1. **Mengyu Li**, Jun Yu, Tao Li & Cheng Meng. “Core-elements for large-scale least squares estimation.” Under review in *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*.  
Student Paper Award in 2022 JSM, Sections on Statistical Computing and Graphics.
2. **Mengyu Li**, Jingyi Zhang & Cheng Meng. “Nonparametric additive models for billion observations.” Under review in *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*.
3. Yukuan Hu, **Mengyu Li**, Xin Liu & Cheng Meng. “Sampling-based methods for multi-block optimization problems over transport polytopes.” Under review in *Mathematics of Computation*.
4. Xinlai Kang, **Mengyu Li**, Xuqiang Chen, Fangyu Li & Cheng Meng. “A Hausdorff regression paradigm for interval privacy.” Under review in *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*.

### In Preparation

1. Chengshuo Du, **Mengyu Li**, Tao Li, Jun Yu & Cheng Meng. “Ensemble pruning with conditional Wasserstein distance measure.”
2. Jun Zhu, **Mengyu Li** & Cheng Meng. “Optimal transport based signal data augmentation and data fusion.”
3. Xintao Yu, **Mengyu Li**, Shanwen Wang & Cheng Meng. “Optimal transport with  $p$ -adic numbers.”
4. Gaoming Chen, Hongyu Wang, Haoxian Liang, **Mengyu Li**, Shanwen Wang & Cheng Meng. “Hierarchical Gromov-Wasserstein distance with application in 3D point cloud data matching.”

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## INVITED TALKS

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- **Capital Statistics and Data Science High-Level Forum**, Beijing, China Jul. 2023  
Efficient algorithms for large-scale optimal transport problems

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## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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### Teaching Assistant

- Data Mining Spring 2021  
My duties included lecturing exercise lessons, homework preparation and grading, etc.

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**Review for journals & conferences** (more than 15 articles)

- Statistica Sinica
- Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics
- Journal of Machine Learning Research
- Journal of Applied Statistics
- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

## PROGRAMMING & DEVELOPMENT

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### Programming

- R, Python, MATLAB

### Package development

- **Spar-Sink** (<https://github.com/Mengyu8042/Spar-Sink>)  
Python3 implementation of the paper “Importance sparsification for Sinkhorn algorithm”.
- **Spar-GW** (<https://github.com/Mengyu8042/Spar-GW>)  
Python3 implementation of the paper “Efficient approximation of Gromov-Wasserstein distance using importance sparsification”.
- **Core-elements** (<https://github.com/Mengyu8042/Core-elements>)  
R implementation of the paper “Core-elements for large-scale least squares estimation”.