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EDUCATION

Institute of Statistics and Big Data, Renmin University of China (RUC), Beijing, China

- Ph.D. Candidate in Statistics Sep. 2020–Jun. 2025 (expected)
- Supervisor: Cheng Meng, Assistant Professor

Department of Statistics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Hong Kong, China

- Exchange Student Nov. 2023–May. 2024
- Supervisor: Xiaodan Fan, Professor

School of Statistics, Beijing Normal University (BNU), Beijing, China

- Bachelor in Statistics Sep. 2016–Jun. 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Optimal transport; Subsampling in big data; Statistical machine learning; AI for healthcare

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Publications

1. Yukuan Hu, **Mengyu Li**, Xin Liu & Cheng Meng (Alphabetical order) (2025). “Sampling-based methods for multi-block optimization problems over transport polytopes.” *Mathematics of Computation*. 94(353), 1281–1322.
2. **Mengyu Li**, Jun Yu, Tao Li & Cheng Meng (2024). “Core-elements for large-scale least squares estimation.” *Statistics and Computing*, 34(6), 1–16.
Student Paper Award in JSM2022, Sections on Statistical Computing and Graphics
3. **Mengyu Li**, Jingyi Zhang & Cheng Meng (2024). “Nonparametric additive models for billion observations.” *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 33(4), 1397–1412.
4. Xinlai Kang, **Mengyu Li**, Xuqiang Chen, Fangyu Li & Cheng Meng (2023). “A Hausdorff regression paradigm for interval privacy.” *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, 31, 146–150.
5. **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 JSM2023, Statistics in Imaging Section
6. **Mengyu Li**, Jun Yu, Hongteng Xu & Cheng Meng (2023). “Efficient approximation of Gromov-Wasserstein distance using importance sparsification.” *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 32(4), 1512–1523.
7. **Mengyu Li** & Junlong Zhao (2022). “Communication-efficient distributed linear discriminant analysis for binary classification.” *Statistica Sinica*, 32, 1343–1361.

Under Review

8. **Mengyu Li**, Cheng Meng & Xiaodan Fan. “Iterative optimal transport for multimodal image registration.” Submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*.
9. **Mengyu Li**, Bencong Zhu, Cheng Meng & Xiaodan Fan. “Double optimal transport for gene regulatory network reconstruction with unpaired samples.” Revision in *Bioinformatics*.
10. Chengshuo Du, Han Hao, **Mengyu Li**, Tao Li, Cheng Meng & Jun Yu (Alphabetical order). “Ensemble pruning using optimal transport.” Submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*.
11. Junlie Huang, Xinlai Kang, Qiannan Huang, **Mengyu Li** & Cheng Meng. “Efficient approximation of leverage scores in 2D autoregressive models.” Revision in *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*.
12. Dunyao Xue, **Mengyu Li** & Cheng Meng. “Sparsification subsampling for alternative least squares regression.” Submitted to *Journal of Machine Learning Research*.
13. Junyi Lin, **Mengyu Li**, Cheng Meng & Yongdao Zhou. “Sparsification subsampling for partial least squares regression.” Submitted to *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*.
14. Tao Wang, Qiannan Huang, **Mengyu Li**, Tao Li & Cheng Meng. “Global feature importance explanation with cooperative game framework based on Wasserstein dependency.” Submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*.

FUNDING & AWARDS

Funding

- Young Elite Scientists Sponsorship Program - Doctoral Student Special Program (¥40,000), China Association for Science and Technology 2024–2025
- Outstanding Innovative Talents Cultivation Funded Program (¥70,000), RUC 2021–2024
- Joint Ph.D. Program (¥50,000), RUC 2023–2024

Awards

- **Outstanding Poster Award** in the 22nd Annual Meeting of China Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (CSIAM 2024) 2024
- **Student Paper Award** in Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Statistics in Imaging Section, American Statistical Association (ASA) 2023
5 winners per year; first winner trained in Chinese Mainland
- **Student Paper Award** in JSM, Sections on Statistical Computing and Graphics, ASA 2022
4 winners per year; first winner trained in Chinese Mainland
- National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of the P.R. China 2023
- Jingdong Special Scholarship, RUC 2023
20 winners per year
- First-Class Academic Scholarship, RUC 2021, 2022, 2023
- Merit Student, RUC 2021

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Noise Analysis and Processing for Non-Native Bayer Raw Images

Dec. 2023–Dec. 2024

Collaboration with Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd

- Explored noise characteristics across color channels and directions using the variogram from spatial statistics.
- Used autoregressive whitening to remove noise dependency and achieve effective image denoising.

Fiber Optic Sensing Data Augmentation

May 2023–Aug. 2023

Collaboration with Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd

- Extended optimal transport theory to handle generalized measures with negative values for adapting fiber optic sensing data.
- Developed a geometry-based method using unbalanced optimal transport for high-fidelity signal generation and noise integration.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Department of Statistics, CUHK

Nov. 2023–May 2024

*Developed novel algorithms for multi-modal image registration and gene regulatory network reconstruction based on optimal transport theory.***Teaching Assistant**

- Data Mining, RUC

Spring 2021, 2024

*My duties included lecturing exercise lessons, homework preparation and grading, etc.***Talks & Poster Presentations**

- The 8th CSIAM Student Forum in CSIAM 2024, Nanjing, China

Oct. 2024

Title: Importance sparsification for Sinkhorn algorithm

- Student Academic Seminar for the 87th Anniversary of RUC, Beijing, China

Oct. 2024

Title: Statistical computing aids coronary heart disease screening

- Capital Statistics and Data Science High-Level Forum, Beijing, China

Jul. 2023

*Title: Efficient algorithms for large-scale optimal transport problems***Referee for Journals**

- Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics
- Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation
- SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Programming

- Python, R, MATLAB, C++, Linux shell

Language

- Chinese Mandarin, English