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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My Ph.D. research focuses on distributed and decentralized optimization in machine learning and deep learning.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. System Engineering and Engineering Management

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

- ♦ Research in Distributed Optimization under supervision of Prof. Hoi-To Wai.
- Analyze the convergence of novel decentralized optimization algorithms, such as gradient tracking algorithm with compressed communication and time-varying graph.

B.Sc. Computer Science (First Class Honour, ELITE Stream) 2017 - 2021 The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

SELECTED AWARDS

- ♦ ELITE Stream Student Scholarhip 2020-21, 2019-20, 2017-18, Faculty of Engineering, CUHK.
- ♦ College Head's List 2020/21, Shaw College, CUHK.
- ♦ Dean's List, 2019/20, Faculty of Engineering, CUHK.
- ♦ Ms. Wong Wai-ling Scholarhsips 2017/18, Shaw College, CUHK.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, Faculty of Engineering, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- \diamond ENGG2440 Discrete Mathematics for Engineers (2021/22 2023/24)
- ♦ FTEC2101 Optimization Methods (2021/22 2023/24)

RESEARCH PUBLICATION

- [1] Chung-Yiu Yau, Hoi-To Wai, Parameswaran Raman, Soumajyoti Sarkar, and Mingyi Hong. Emc²: Efficient mcmc negative sampling for contrastive learning with global convergence. 2024.
- [2] Chung-Yiu Yau and Hoi-To Wai. Fully stochastic distributed convex optimization on time-varying graph with compression. In 2023 62nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), pages 145–150. IEEE, 2023.
- [3] Xiaolu Wang, Chung-Yiu Yau, and Hoi-To Wai. Network effects in performative prediction games. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, pages 36514–36540. PMLR, 2023.
- [4] Chung-Yiu Yau and Hoi-To Wai. Docom: Compressed decentralized optimization with near-optimal sample complexity. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, 2023.
- [5] Bingqing Song, Ioannis Tsaknakis, Chung-Yiu Yau, Hoi-To Wai, and Mingyi Hong. Distributed Optimization for Overparameterized Problems: Achieving Optimal Dimension Independent Communication Complexity. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022.

- [6] Qiang Li, Chung-Yiu Yau, and Hoi-To Wai. Multi-agent Performative Prediction with Greedy Deployment and Consensus Seeking Agents. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022.
- [7] Chung-Yiu Yau, Haoli Bai, Irwin King, and Michael R Lyu. DAP-BERT: Differentiable Architecture Pruning of BERT. In *International Conference on Neural Information Processing*, pages 367–378. Springer, 2021.