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## **EDUCATION**

## Peking University, Beijing, China

09/2016-07/2020(expected)

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, China Center for Economic Research

- **Academics:** GPA: 3.85/4.00 (91/100); Rank: 2/30
- **Core Economics Courses:** Intermediate Microecoomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Game Theory and Society, Behavioral Economics, Financial Economics, Data Analysis and Econometric Programming
- Core Math Courses: Probability Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Methods of Mathematical Physics (including complex analysis and partial differential equation), Differential Geometry, Financial Time Series Analysis, Theory of Dynamic Optimization
- Computer Science Courses: Introduction of Computation (C++), Data Structure and Algorithm (C), Pattern Recognition (Python), Methods of Computation (Python & Matlab)
- Self-taught/Auditing Courses: Real Analysis, Advanced Microeconomics, Game Theory (Grad-level), The Theory of Incentives, Web Data Scraping (Python), Textual Analysis and Machine Learning (Python)
- **Honors & Awards:** Guanghua Scholarship (Top 5%), Meritorious Prize in Mathematical Contest in Modeling (2017 MCM), China Economic Research Scholarship (National School of Development)

## Peking University, Beijing, China

09/2016-07/2017

School of Physics

• **Academics:** GPA: 3.86/4.00 (91/100); Rank: 10/193

## University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

09/2019-12/2019

Exchange Student, Department of Economics

• Courses Undertaken: Market Design, Abstract Algebra, Comparative Institutional Economics, Public Choice

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

#### On Ex-Ante Asymmetry: Modeling Multi-Player Asymmetric War of Attrition

09/2018-Present

Advisor: Dr. Hao Wang and Dr. Xi Weng, Peking University, and Dr. Shinsuke Kambe, Gakushuin University

- Developed a multi-player asymmetric war of attrition with continuous-type incomplete information for the analysis of the private provision of public goods
- Proved the existence and uniqueness of the Bayesian equilibrium
- Demonstrated the stratified behavior pattern in the equilibrium: one instant exit and N-2 strict waitings
- Showed the decisive influence that the strongest type (the highest instant-exit type) has on social welfare
- Discussed the effects of two different forms of introducing asymmetry on social welfare
- Proposed to employ redistribution to improve the decision by a central party that interferes public-good provision
- The current progress of this research can be viewed via this <u>link</u>

### **Measuring Investors Sentiment**

10/2018-11/2018

Advisor: Dr. Yan Shen, Peking University

• Labeled the sentiments and the expectations for two thousand stock-market comments crawled from a Chinese online forum, and also extracted keywords whereby the sentimental inclination of each comment is decided

• Identified using deep neural network (CNN) the correlation between textual keywords and investors' sentiments, and thus to evaluate and predict the aggregate expectation of the China stock market

#### Behavioral Collective Action: the Thousand Effect in China Stock Market

11/2018-present

Advisor: Dr. Juanjuan Meng, Peking University

- Developed both theoretical and empirical models to analyze the round-number effect in the China stock market
- Demonstrated the phenomenal effect that a behavioral heuristic can have on the coordination of collective action
- The current progress of this research can be viewed via this link

#### Field Work in Economic Study

07/2018-07/2018

Advisor: Dr. Jintao Xu, Peking University

- Led a field research team that studied the Chinese land institutions in Meibei Village, Jiangxi Province, China
- Predicted that the strengthened power of local authority in China's rural area will enhance economic performance whereas meanwhile engendering the imbalance of rural governance structure

#### SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS

Robust Equilibrium (access via this link)

- Formulated a novel refinement notion for the evaluation of the robustness of equilibrium
- Provided examples to show what is missing in the previous literature and how the version can fill the vacancy

## Font Recognition (access via this link on GitHub)

- Realized font recognition with Python and compared various feature extraction methods (PCA, DAISY)
- Analyzed the learning patterns of various models (including but not limited to SVM, DT, CNN)

### **Self-Programmed Role-Playing Game** (access via this link)

- Created a campus-version Pokemon with C++ (data structure and AI algorithm) and QT (user interface)
- Developed a 2v2 turn-based battle mode on a 5×5-chessboard

#### **SKILLS**

- Programming Languages: Python, STATA, Matlab, R, C++, Eviews, LINGO, LaTeX
- Programming Skills: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Web Data Scraping, Text Mining
- Books Learned by Myself:
  - Economics: *Game Theory* (Fudenberg and Tirole, 1991), *The Theory of Incentives* (Laffont and Martimort, 2009), *Applied Econometric Time Series* (Enders, 2012), *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance* (North, 1990), *Governing the Commons* (Ostrom, 2015), *Misbehaving* (Thaler, 2015)