Zhen Zhang

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Education

Brown University Providence, RI

Ph.D. Student, Applied Mathematics, 4.0/4.0

2018-Present

Relevant coursework: Deep Learning, Real/Functional Analysis, Probability Theory, Partial Differential Equations, Discontinuous Galerkin Methods, Stochastic Control, Dynamical Systems, Interacting Particle Systems, Spectral Methods

Brown University Providence, RI Sc.M., Applied Mathematics 2018-2019

City University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong

B.Sc., Computing Mathematics, Minor in Computing, 4.08/4.3

2014-2018

Dean's List every semester **University of Toronto**

Toronto, Canada

Exchange, Mathematics, 4.0/4.0

2017-2017

Research Interests

- Physics informed neural networks
- o Interpretable scientific machine learning
- Time series modeling

Honors & Awards

Fellowship for graduate students

HKSAR Government Scholarship

Joseph Lau Student Exchange Awards

Brown University

HKSAR

City University of Hong Kong

Publications

- 1. Jin, Pengzhan*, **Zhang, Zhen***(Co-first author), Zhu, Aiqing, Tang, Yifa and George Em Karniadakis. *SympNets: Intrinsic structure-preserving symplectic networks for identifying Hamiltonian systems.* Neural Networks **132**. 166-179 (2020).
- 2. Zhang, Sheng*, Joan, Ponce*, **Zhang, Zhen***(Co-first author), Guang Lin and George, Karniadakis. *An integrated framework for building trustworthy data-driven epidemiological models: Application to the COVID-19 outbreak in New York City.* (Accepted by PLOS Computational Biology.)
- 3. Jin, Pengzhan, **Zhang, Zhen**, Yannis, Kevrekidis, and George Em Karniadakis. *Learning Poisson systems and trajectories of autonomous systems via Poisson neural networks.* (Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems.)
- 4. Ehsan Kharazmi, Min Cai, Xiaoning Zheng, **Zhen Zhang**, Guang Lin, and George Em Karniadakis. *Identifiability and predictability of integer- and fractional-order epidemiological models using physics-informed neural networks*. (Submitted to Nature Computational Science.)
- 5. Zhang, Zhen, Yeonjong Shin, and George Em Karniadakis. GFINNs: GENERIC Formalism Informed Neural

Networks for Deterministic and Stochastic Dynamical Systems. (Submitted to Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A)

Research Experience

Brown University 2019-Present

Graduate Student Researcher

Currently I am working on two projects: Predicting blood pressure using machine learning tools; Symmetry-preserving neural networks.

City University of Hong Kong

2017-2018

Final Year Project

Study theoretical aspect of Deep Neural Network. Run numerical simulations on image classification problems to verify the approximation properties of Convolutional Neural Networks.

Liu Bie Ju Center for Mathematical Sciences

2017-2017

Summer Research Opportunity

Systematically studied asymptotic analysis and Painleve Equations under Dr. Wang's guidance. Gave series solution to a group of ODEs, and tried to give a closed form solution based on well-known special functions. Reviewed Prof. Wong's work on second order linear difference equations.

University of Tennessee & Oak Ridge National Laboratory

2016-2016

Research for Undergraduates (REU)

Received training on high performance computing in Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Implemented dasymetric mapping algorithm in GIS and proposed a parallel version of the algorithm. The new method effectively improved running efficiency.

Teaching Experience

- o APMA 1170: Introduction to Computational Linear Algebra, head teaching assistant (Fall 2019)
- o APMA 1660: Statistical Inference II, head teaching assistant (Spring 2020)

Mentoring Experience

APMA undergraduate-graduate mentoring program

2020-2021

Graduate Mentor

Give undergraduate students advice on course selection, preparing for research with faculty, preparing for graduate school and applying to internships and jobs.

CityU Student Mentoring Program

2017-2018

PALSI leader

Organized orientation and give new students help in academics.

Math Help Center

2017-2018

Discussion Leader

Organized discussions and answered questions related to engineering mathematics.

Peer-Assisted Learning Scheme using Supplemental Instruction

2016-2017

Student Mentor

Gave freshmen tutorials on Calculus and organized discussion groups.

Conferences & Presentations

NUMDIFF-16 Sep, 2021

SympNet & PNN: structure-preserving networks for identifying Hamiltonian & Poisson systems

Crunch Seminar Apr, 2020

Symplectic networks: Intrinsic structure-preserving networks for identifying Hamiltonian systems

Programming Skills

Languages: Python, Java, C/C++, MATLAB, Linux Command, LaTeX.

Packages: TensorFlow, PyTorch.

Outreach & Services

CityU Choir Committee

2015-2016

Membership Secretary of Bass

Organized annual performance and conducted regular training of bass section.