Qiang Fu

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Education

2024-Present **Yale University**, Department of Computer Science, New Haven, CT, USA
Ph.D. student, advised by Prof. Andre Wibisono

2021-2024 **Sun Yat-sen University**, School of Mathematics, Guangzhou, China
M.S. in Mathematics

2017-2021 **Sun Yat-sen University**, School of Mathematics, Guangzhou, China
B.S. in Mathematics

Research Interest

My research lies broadly in **optimization**, **statistics** and **machine learning**. I am particularly focused on developing provably effective and efficient algorithms for sampling and optimization with applications to modern machine learning problems. I am also interested in various topics around **variational inference**, **generative models** and **machine unlearning**.

Publications (Google Scholar)

Qiang Fu, Andre Wibisono. "Hamiltonian Descent Algorithms for Optimization: Accelerated Rates via Randomized Integration Time." arXiv:2505.12553. 2025.

Qiang Fu, Ashia Wilson. "Mean-field Underdamped Langevin Dynamics and its Spacetime Discretization." ICML 2024.

Qiang Fu, Dongchu Xu, Ashia Wilson. "Accelerated Stochastic Optimization Methods under Quasar-convexity." ICML 2023.

Xiangkai Lian, **Qiang Fu**, Weijie Su, Xinyu Zhang, Jia Li and Zhengan Yao. "The Fractional Laplacian-based Image Inpainting." Inverse Problems and Imaging. 2024.

Research Experience

2022 – 2024 **MIT EECS**, Research student advised by Prof. Ashia Wilson.
- Conducted research on mean-field underdamped Langevin dynamics (ICML 2024).
- Developed new accelerated stochastic optimization algorithms for minimizing quasar-convex functions (ICML 2023).

2021 – 2022 **School of Mathematics, Sun Yat-sen University**, Research student.
- Collaborated on fractional Laplacian-based image inpainting (IPI 2023).

Honors and Awards

2024 Yale University PhD Fellowships

2023 National Scholarship (top 0.2% in China), Ministry of Education

2023 First Prize Scholarship, Sun Yat-sen University

2022 National Scholarship (top 0.2% in China), Ministry of Education

2022 First Prize Scholarship, Sun Yat-sen University

2022 Meritorious Winner, Mathematical Contest in Modeling

2021 First Prize Scholarship, Sun Yat-sen University

Skills

Programming: Python, PyTorch, Matlab, LaTeX

Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent; TOEFL iBT: 100)

Services

Reviewer of AISTATS 2023, ICLR 2025, NeurIPS 2025

Seminar Talks and Presentations

2025 Optimization and Statistical Learning Workshop, Columbia University. Poster presentation: *Hamiltonian Descent Algorithms for Optimization: Accelerated Rates via Randomized Integration Time.*

2024 Yale FDS Conference: Recent Advances and Future Directions for Sampling. Poster presentation: *Mean-field Underdamped Langevin Dynamics and its Spacetime Discretization.*

2024 ICML 2024, Vienna, Austria, Messe Wien Exhibition Congress Center. Poster presentation: *Mean-field Underdamped Langevin Dynamics and its Spacetime Discretization.*

2023 ICML 2023, Hawaii Convention Center. Poster presentation: *Accelerated Stochastic Optimization Methods under Quasar-convexity.*