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Appointments

Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track),
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), Hong Kong SAR, China — Jul 2024 ∼ Present

Phillip Griffiths Assistant Research Professor,
Duke University, United States — Aug 2022 ∼ Jun 2024
Mentors: **Jianfeng Lu** and **Hongkai Zhao**

Research Fellow, National University of Singapore, Singapore — Jan 2021 ∼ Jul 2022
Mentor: **Zuowei Shen**

Education

Ph.D. in Mathematics, National University of Singapore, Singapore — Aug 2016 ∼ Jan 2021
Thesis: *Deep neural network approximation via function compositions* [URL]
Supervisors: **Zuowei Shen** and **Haizhao Yang**

B.S. in Mathematics, Wuhan University, China — Sep 2012 ∼ Jun 2016
Thesis supervisor: **Xiliang Lv**

Awards

Scholar Award, NeurIPS 2022 Financial Assistance Program, URL.

The EASIAM (East Asia section of SIAM) Student Paper Prize, 2020 ∼ 2021, first prize, URL.

Publications

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Preprint(s)

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[4] (PhD at NUS, 22 Jun 2020) Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, **Shijun Zhang**. *Deep network with approximation error being reciprocal of width to power of square root of depth.* **Neural Computation**, Volume 33, Issue 4, April 2021, Pages 1005–1036. [arXiv, Journal]

[3] (PhD at NUS, 9 Jan 2020) Jianfeng Lu, Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, **Shijun Zhang**. *Deep network approximation for smooth functions.* **SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis**, Volume 53, Issue 5, September 2021, Pages 5465–5506. [arXiv, Journal]

[2] (PhD at NUS, 13 Jun 2019) Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, **Shijun Zhang**. *Deep network approximation characterized by number of nuerons.* **Communications in Computational Physics**, Volume 28, Issue 5, November 2020, Pages 1768–1811. [arXiv, Journal]

[1] (PhD at NUS, 26 Feb 2019) Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, **Shijun Zhang**. *Nonlinear approximation via compositions.* **Neural Networks**, Volume 119, November 2019, Pages 74–84. [arXiv, Journal]

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