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## Research interests

Causal inference, nonparametric statistics, high-dimensional statistics

## Education

**Carnegie Mellon University**

Pittsburgh, PA

Ph.D. in Statistics

08/2020 – Present

Advisor: Prof. Edward H. Kennedy

**Carnegie Mellon University**

Pittsburgh, PA

M.S. in Statistics

08/2020 – 05/2021

**University of Science and Technology of China**

Hefei, Anhui

B.S. in Statistics

08/2016 – 06/2020

## Honors and awards

Student Paper Award, Statistical Learning and Data Science Section, ASA 2024

ENAR Distinguished Student Paper Award (International Biometric Society ENAR Spring Meeting) 2023

Guo Moruo Scholarship (summa cum laude at USTC) 2019

National Scholarship of China (USTC) 2018

## Publications

**Zeng, Z.**, Arbour, D., Feller, A., Addanki, R., Rossi, R., Sinha, R., and Kennedy, E.H. (2024). Continuous Treatment Effects with Surrogate Outcomes. *International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2024.

**Zeng, Z.**, Gu, Y., and Xu, G. (2023). A Tensor-EM Method for Large-Scale Latent Class Analysis with Binary Responses. *Psychometrika*, 88(2), 580-612.

He, Y., Meng, B., **Zeng, Z.** and Xu, G. (2021). On the phase transition of Wilks' phenomenon. *Biometrika*, 108(3), 741-748.

## Preprints

**Zeng, Z.**, Balakrishnan, S., Han, Y. and Kennedy, E. H. (2024). Causal Inference with High-dimensional Discrete Covariates. arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.00118.

Du, J. H., **Zeng, Z.**, Kennedy, E. H., Wasserman, L. and Roeder, K. (2024). Causal Inference for Genomic Data with Multiple Heterogeneous Outcomes. arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.09119.

Bonvini, M., **Zeng, Z.**, Yu, M., Kennedy, E. H., and Keele, L. (2023). Flexibly Estimating and Interpreting Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Laparoscopic Surgery for Cholecystitis Patients. arXiv preprint arXiv:2311.04359.

**Zeng, Z.**, Kennedy, E. H., Bodnar, L. M., and Naimi, A. I. (2023). Efficient generalization and transportation. arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.00092.

Levis, A. W., Bonvini, M., **Zeng, Z.**, Keele, L., and Kennedy, E. H. (2023). Covariate-assisted bounds on causal effects with instrumental variables. arXiv preprint arXiv:2301.12106.

## Experience

**Adobe Research** San Jose, CA  
Research Intern 05/2024 – 08/2024  
Mentors: David Arbour, Ishita Dasgupta, Atanu Sinha and Avi Feller (Berkeley)

**Adobe Research** San Jose, CA  
Research Intern 05/2023 – 08/2023  
Mentors: David Arbour and Prof. Avi Feller (Berkeley)  
Continuous treatment effects with surrogate outcomes.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor** Ann Arbor, MI  
Research Assistant 06/2019 – 09/2019  
Mentor: Prof. Gongjun Xu  
Large-scale latent class analysis and high-dimensional testing.

## Teaching

**Teaching assistant, Carnegie Mellon University** 08/2020–05/2022  
36-225 Introduction to Probability  
36-401 Modern Regression  
36-402 Advanced Methods for Data Analysis (×2)

**Teaching assistant, USTC** 09/2019 – 05/2020  
Single-variable Calculus  
Regression Analysis

## Talks

**International Conference on Computational & Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics)** Virtual  
Continuous treatment effects with surrogate outcomes 12/2024

**Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)** Portland, OR  
Causal inference with high-dimensional discrete covariates 08/2024

**American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC)** Seattle, WA  
Causal inference with high-dimensional discrete covariates 05/2024

**Causal Inference and Missing Data Group at Inria** Virtual  
Efficient generalization and transportation 02/2024

**American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC)**

Causal inference with high-dimensional discrete covariates

Austin, TX

05/2023

**International Biometric Society ENAR Spring Meeting**

Efficient generalization and transportation

Nashville, TN

03/2023

**Academic Service****Reviewer**

American Journal of Epidemiology (1)

Biometrika (3)

Electronic Journal of Statistics (5)

Journal of American Statistical Association (2)

**Organizer**

CMU Causal Inference Reading Group (2024-)