## **EDUCATION**

University of Washington, Seattle

Seattle, WA

Ph.D. in **Statistics** (GPA: 3.94/4.00)

09/2023 - Present

• Highlighted courses: Statistical Inference I & II, Discrete & Continuous Stochastic Processes, Multiple Testing and Modern Inference, High-dimensional Statistical Learning, Machine Learning for Big Data, Bandits, Measure Theory, Stochastic Calculus (In Progress).

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

B.A. in Statistics and B.A. in Computer Science (Summa cum laude)

08/2019 - 05/2023

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Seattle | Advisor: Tyler McCormick, Zaid Harchaoui

Seattle, WA

**Project:** Incorporating Network Interference into Performative Prediction

08/2024 - Present

• Replaced the Stable Unit Treatment Values Assumption in a causal experiment under performative prediction with network interference.

University of Washington, Seattle | Advisor: Daniela Witten

Seattle, WA

**Project:** Improving the Data Thinning Algorithm through the Rank-transformed subsampling Algorithm

08/2023 - 02/2024

• Improve the statistical power of Data Thinning algorithm while maintaining type I error control through Rank-transformed subsampling.

Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research Lab | Advisor: Anil Aswani
Project: Improving the Numerical Computation of a Novel Nonnegative Tensor Completion Approach

Berkeley, CA 05/2022 - Present

• Accelerated a nonnegative tensor completion approach proposed in the NeurIPS 2022 paper "Nonnegative Tensor Completion via Integer Optimization" to increase its applicability to healthcare, computer vision, and other domains.

- Developed 10 variants by optimizing data structures, accelerating gradient descent, and applying blended pairwise conditional gradients.
- $\bullet$  Reduced the computation time of using aforementioned approach to demosaic a 90  $\times$  60 pixel image from 11,300 seconds to 1,500 seconds.

## Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory | Advisor: Haichen Wang

Berkeley, CA

**Project:** Developing a Generative Neural Network for Probability Distribution Modeling in Particle Physics

10/2022 - Present

• Improved a conditional normalizing flow model to simulate the correlated and asymmetric distribution of particle detector responses.

**Project:** Developing a Graph Transformer Neural Network for Regression in Particle Physics

01/2022 - 10/2022

- Improved the deep-learning model proposed in the paper "A Holistic Approach to Predicting Top Quark Kinematic Properties with the Covariant Particle Transformer" for predicting the kinematic quantities of Higgs bosons in the  $t\bar{t}H$  production samples.
- Fit a PyTorch Graph Transformer model with 13 million parameters onto 7 million samples using the supercomputer Cori.
- Addressed the model's underprediction of the transverse momentum (pT) of Higgs bosons by reweighting its loss function.
- Increased the percentage of Higgs bosons with both true and predicted pT in a high pT interval from 26% to 44%.

#### Oski Lab | Advisor: Cyrus Dioun

Berkeley, CA

Project: Using Natural Language Processing and Deep Learning for Product Classification

02/2021 - 10/2022

- Hand-coded 3,100 cannabis products to create a labeled dataset to build multi-label classification deep learning models.
- Optimized a Keras TextCNN model through hyperparameter tuning to achieve a 93.7% average F1 score for five labels in the testing set.
- Fine-tuned a PyTorch BERT model with Hugging Face to achieve a 95.3% average F1 score for five labels in the testing set.
- Recognized as the most significant student contributor to this project in the acknowledgment of its working paper.

Project: Racial Stratification in the Washington State Cannabis Industry

05/2021 - 06/2021

- Compared ownership demographic data with revenue and enforcement data to examine relative diversity in the cannabis industry.
- Validated the project in Python with Pandas, NumPy, and Matplotlib, and added extra functionality through GitHub.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

• Pan, W., Aswani, A. and Chen, C., Accelerated Nonnegative Tensor Completion via Integer Programming. Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics, 9, p.1153184.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## University of Washington, Seattle | Teaching Assistant

Seattle, WA 09/2024 - Present

• STAT 390, Statistical Methods in Engineering and Science

06/2024 - 08/2024

• CSE 416. Introduction to Machine Learning

• STAT 516, Stochastic Modeling of Scientific Data

03/2024 - 06/2024

• STAT 180, Introduction to Machine Learning
• STAT 180, Introduction to Data Science

01/2024 - 03/2024

University of California, Berkeley | Academic Student Employee

Berkeley, CA

• STAT 151A, Linear Modeling: Theory and Applications, Grader

01/2023 - 05/2023

 $\bullet$  STAT 151A, Linear Modeling: Theory and Applications, Grader

08/2022 - 12/2022

• DATA C140, Probability for Data Science, Group Tutor

01/2022 - 05/2022

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

# Student Association of Applied Statistics

Berkeley, CA

Department: Career Exploration, Data Consulting, Education

09/2020 - 05/2023

- Conducted regression analysis on the relationship between podcasters' language styles and popularity in a project sponsored by Tencent.
- Mentored potential statistics or data science major students and recited two-hour lectures on topics in data science and applied statistics.

## **SKILLS**

- Programming: Python, R, Java, C++, MATLAB, SQL, ROOT
- Packages & Tools: NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, PySpark, HuggingFace, Latex, Git, JupyterLab, Anaconda